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Baptists Near and Far

In planning your Christmas gifts why not remember some loved one or friend with a year's subscription to the Baptist Record. Only One Dollar per year.

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Rev. E. T. Mobbly has been called for full time to the Wausau church in the eastern part of the city of Laurel. Here is a fine opportunity and brother Mobbly is equal to it.

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Fines assessed against federal liquor law violators between 1920 and 1933 totaled \$80,327,012; property seized was valued at \$219,302,464. The costs of prosecution were \$128,810,291, making a net profit to the government of \$170,819,185. And yet there are those who tell you that the enforcement of the prohibition law has cost the government millions of dollars, when the figures show that millions have been made by the government.

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Total receipts of the Ex. Com. of the So. Bap. Con. for November from all the states in the south for the cooperative program were \$76,642.22. Designated gifts were \$19,797.50, making a total of \$96,439.72. Included in these gifts were \$11,806.49 given by the 100,000 club to pay on the debts of our southwide boards and institutions. Mississippi sent \$1,341.02 to be distributed among southwide causes, and \$696.28 for designated objects. Virginia sent \$11,516.50 to the cooperative program; Kentucky \$13,352.40 and Texas \$15,000.

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From Dr. Gunter's report of contributions from our churches in Mississippi, published in last week's Record, you will see that 681 churches gave to the cooperative program. There were 197 other churches which made designated gifts, making a total of 878 churches which gave to all or some of the objects included in the program. This is something over 50%. There were 153 churches which gave \$50.00 or more to the program; 31 churches gave from \$40.00 to \$50.00; 36 churches which gave from \$30.00 to \$40.00. The rest of the 681 gave less than \$30 each. Let us thank God for those who are fellow-helpers to the truth, and invite all the rest into the fellowship.

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In last week's issue it was said that in November the Baptist Bible Institute received \$11,000 from the 100,000 club. The proper figures are \$1,100 and not \$11,000.—Pastor D. L. Hill has been graciously received at Okolona and the "work starts off fine."—From Rome comes the report that a new League of Nations is proposed with the view of securing Russia, Germany, Japan and the United States as members. In two ways it differs from the old, the national boundaries fixed by the Versailles treaty would not be preserved by force, and certain great nations are to be given dominance in their spheres. In Europe England, France, Italy and Germany are to dominate. In Asia this is left to Japan and Russia. In the Western Hemisphere the United States would be the chief influence. In our opinion this will never be acceptable to this country, would be to the detriment of smaller nations and is born of political scheming.

The federal government decides to issue license to sell liquor in dry states. This is its first start to protect dry states according to the 21st amendment!—In Tennessee the advocates of legalizing beer sales promised that the revenue would be a million a year. In the first six months the revenue amounted to only \$130,000 and ten inspectors have been dismissed because of a deficit.

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A Church Music Conference will be held at Ft Worth Seminary Dec. 18-19. It is for church music directors, choir directors, song leaders, evangelistic singers, organists, pianists, pastors, religious educational directors and others. Principal leaders and speakers are Dr. E. S. Lorenz, Prof. Paolo Conte, Prof. E. O. Sellers, Mr. Wm. Hall Preston, Dr. Millard Jenkins and Dr. Marshall Craig. Full information may be had of prof. I. E. Reynolds, Seminary Hill, Texas.

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Dr. M. E. Dodd, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, attended the meeting of the Federal Council of Churches in Washington last week and will have a word to say about the emphasis on prayer and fasting for spiritual recovery.—Dr. E. O. Ware is seriously ill at his home in Alexandria, La., having suffered a paralytic stroke.

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The indebtedness on Baptist church houses in the South is said to be \$25,000,000, about one-fourth more than the indebtedness on all state and southwide boards and institutions.—Rev. W. H. McGee, a native of Mississippi and alumnus of Miss. College, recently passed away at his home in Lampasas, Texas, aged 84. He is spoken of with great affection and esteem.—Last week's Standard was a Buckner's Orphans' Home number.—Dr. D. E. Guyton of Blue Mountain teaches a Bible class of men and boys every Sunday at the railroad station.

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The best gift for Christmas is a Bible to anybody who hasn't one already. The next best is a subscription to The Baptist Record.—You will find a striking similarity between the malicious manifestations of joy in some secular papers over the repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment, and the shouting and jeering around the cross while Jesus was being crucified. Read Mt. 27:39-44.—Visitors at this office in the past week included T. T. Martin, N. R. Stone, J. B. Gordon, Richard Campbell, B. A. McCullough and Jos. Cradup.—Dr. L. E. Barton, mission secretary in Alabama, says that when he was praying the Lord to help the Foreign Mission Board to prevent default on Dec. 1st, he was impressed to send them \$50.00. So he did and then called for volunteers to make the figures \$1,000. You can always pray better when you have given, and you can lead other people better when you set a good example.—Massey Memorial Church in Algiers (across the river from New Orleans) last year led all the churches in New Orleans in number of baptisms. They have 13 outstations where preaching is done regularly. Now wouldn't it cause Baptists to multiply if all our big churches if they sent out mission workers in all the surrounding territory. That is the way it was done in Judea and in Asia in Apostolic times.

LETTER TO PASTORS From Secy. R. B. Gunter

Dear Brother:

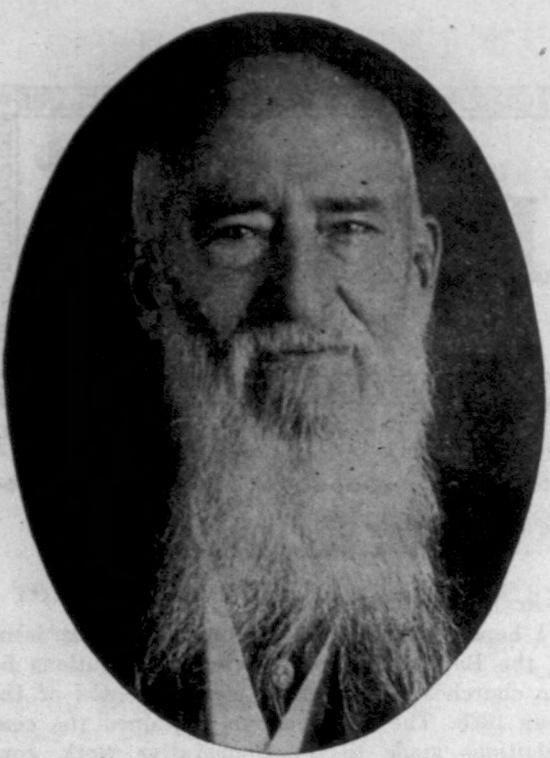
I hope you read the statements in last issue of the Baptist Record showing contributions by the churches for the first eleven months of the year 1933. The first column contained the contributions made to the Cooperative work, consisting of State, Home and Foreign Missions, Christian Education, Hospitals, Orphanage and aged Ministers Relief. The second column contained gifts designated for certain specific objects. If your church was not listed, it was because no contribution had come for the first eleven months of the year, either for Cooperative work or for some designated object.

The object, however, of this letter is to earnestly urge that you do your utmost before the year closes to place your church in good standing in its own estimate, in the estimation of our brethren and in the estimation of our Lord in the grace of giving. That list of churches is to some extent a revelation. In some cases, it is a revelation of dying pastors and dying churches. A church whose missionary spirit is dying is headed toward death. A preacher whose missionary spirit is dying is headed for the shelf. The writer has been in position for several years to observe this fact. The happiest pastors, as a rule, are the pastors whose churches are succeeding in mission work. It is a rare thing that such a pastor wants to move.

The above paragraph states one side of the question. Another is the need for funds with which to support our work. Every participating interest is in need of funds. Some of our interests are not running at half capacity because of a lack of funds. None of them are adequately supplied. It is the abiding conviction of the writer that our people will support all our work adequately if properly informed and properly led. It is just as important that a preacher shall practice giving after preaching stewardship as it is that he shall practice good morals after preaching a good moral life. The shepherd is to go before the sheep. He has no right to expect his people to give unless he sets the example. We, therefore, trust that the time may be redeemed before the year closes, that those churches which have not made any contribution whatsoever during the year (and there are some 800 of them) will make a worthy offering before the year closes, and that those churches which have been simply playing at giving shall redouble their efforts and rededicate themselves and make offerings in proportion to the blessings which they have received during the year. Woe betide us if our temporal prosperity outgrows our spiritual lives. We have been talking of balanced rations and of balanced budgets, but the thing which should concern us most is a balanced life.

Yours for His cause,
R. B. GUNTER,
Cor. Sec'y.

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An editorial in a Memphis paper speaking of conditions in that city says, "The practice of drunken driving is increasing." Of 39 convicted of violating the traffic code 26 are accused of driving while drunk. Again quoting: "The percentage of cases of drunken driving is altogether too high."



HOW ONE FEELS AT EIGHTY

James Garvin Chastain

A retrospective view of life revives happy memories. At the age of two, little Garvin was wearing a brown woolen dress which buttoned behind. His first trousers came a little later, followed by red-top boots. When five, at his mother's knee, he learned his letters. Two years later the outbreak of the Civil War was announced by the rattling of drums and the drilling of volunteers. On the morning appointed for the departure of the soldiers to the front, a scene occurred in the Chastain home which the seven-year-old boy could never forget. He saw his father with tear-dimmed eyes buckle on his sword. Embracing the mother in farewell, he turned next to the children, saying to one after another, "Mind your Mother," and he was gone, leaving all of us in tears.

He returned from the war, but with an ugly scar on the scalp resulting from a wound received in combat. The war had left him poor, so that he could not aid his children all he wished. But he fired them with an ambition for education; and their struggles and self-denial to gain it taught them lessons of economy which proved a blessing to them throughout life.

Forty years a missionary, sixty years in the ministry, eighty years of age on December 18, 1933—busy, happy years all! The time does not really seem so long. Mistakes have been made, yet if life could be lived over, the writer thinks of few changes he would make. His health is excellent, and he keeps it good by leading a temperate methodical life. He takes very little medicine, because he does not need it. He has never used coffee or tobacco, and since the age of seventeen he has been a total abstinent from the use of intoxicants. He mainly lives on fruits and vegetables, drinks an abundance of water and buttermilk, walks five miles daily. He masticates with his natural teeth, and for ten years has done all of his reading and writing without glasses, using spectacles only for long distance and to rest the eyes. He has never had a headache; does not know what that means. For forty years he has made it a fixed rule to read the Bible through annually.

The writer flatters himself that his acquaintances and friends are legion. They are widely distributed. He regards it as one of the greatest honors and joys in his life to have been permitted to know and work with so many good Christian people, at home, and especially on the foreign field. He preaches in Spanish regularly to the Mexicans in the Delta. Occasionally he supplies for churches in the absence of their pastors. He never enjoyed preaching more than he does now. During these last years he has noticed more frequently the guidance and blessing of God's Spirit, in small things, as well as in great ones; also, frequent and direct answers to prayer.

He wishes that he could have done more, yet he has no desire to repeat his life. There is not a cloud or shadow between him and the Heavenly City. He has made his reservations and secured his ticket for the upward flight. Yet he is in no hurry to go, for there is much to be yet done. He expects to die young, even if he lives to ninety. He plans to be busy and happy to the end, ever striving to help and comfort others, and make them happy. He is the author of four religious books: two in English, and two in Spanish; these, he thinks, will go on blessing the world even after his departure.

Shaw, Miss.,
December 18, 1933.

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"TONCH NOT MINE ANOINTER, AND DO MY PROPHETS NO HARM"
I Chron. 16:22; Ps. 105:15

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As every one knows, the best pastor any church ever had is one who has always moved away. But the lawyer went several steps further than this. According to him, the pastor who had very recently resigned possessed ALL of the virtues and the new pastor who had just come on the field possessed NONE. And he worked overtime broadcasting this theory to one and all.

If some one remarked that brother Smith's sermon was unusually good, the Lawyer replied that brother Brown could beat him preaching any day. If another commented on Bro. Smith's pleasant voice, the Lawyer announced that "The preacher must have an amazingly weak voice since I can't hear him with this extraordinarily good ear trumpet. I could hear Bro. Brown with even my old trumpet." If the audience was larger than usual, "vacations were over and people naturally were ready to settle down and come to church since Bro. Brown had given them such good training in church attendance."

He gave nothing at all on pastor's salary, but let it be generally known that he had sent a handsome check to Bro. Brown on his birthday. He gave nothing to the Cooperative Program through his church; because Bro. Brown was now president of a little weak college and he felt he ought to give all his contributions to that college to encourage poor Bro. Brown.

When the church leaked, it needed no new roof—only a coat of tar as Bro. Brown had once recommended. Bro. Smith's desire for a new Sunday School Annex was silly. What if they were crowded in Sunday school? A great many of them would soon quit coming. They had for Bro. Brown. And why did the preacher study of mornings? Why didn't he put in the whole of every day visiting the folks like Bro. Brown use to? And so on ad infinitum.

It was a matter of no small moment to have this most brilliant lawyer, famed politician and unusually prominent and influential citizen stand pat against every forward step and at the same time criticise even the way one walked and breathed. Having been on the field only a month or so, the pastor's heart was completely crushed. Another move was neither desirable nor possible. Yet if the lawyer kept up his campaign, all the sheep would soon be in wolves' clothing and the pack would devour the Smiths. Humbly, with bleeding hearts, the preacher and his wife took the matter to God in prayer begging that He would "do something about it."

And the Father did do something about it very quickly. The lawyer suddenly took desperately sick. The best of doctors and nurses failed to help him. Just two months after the new pastor had moved on the field, the lawyer lay a corpse.

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Pastors, will you see or write to the legislators from your county and urge upon them the necessity of preserving and strengthening our prohibition laws. The liquor people are bombarding them with their appeals. It is time for us to speak out. Get the strong men in your churches to make this same appeal to the legislators. What is done must be done quickly.

BACK TO GOD'S PRESENCE

J. L. Boyd

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I am calling you, first, back to God's Presence. We've gone away from God. We have largely left Him out of our thinking. We have carelessly or thoughtlessly eliminated Him from our plans. We have sought somehow to get along without Him. I am sure there are many noble exceptions, but as a people, we have gone astray from God, our bountiful Father. In all the varied and multitudinous efforts to bring back prosperity and to come back to normalcy the major emphasis has been on the material side, featuring the almighty dollar, either its inflation or its deflation. We have gone on, as a nation and as groups, putting our heads together and attempting to put our hands together, and have not put our hearts together. And consequently our efforts are proving fruitless and disappointing, even to ourselves. We need to get our hearts together, and that is not possible except as we shall draw nigh to God. We need Him exceedingly in our company, and to get Him into our company we must turn back to him. "Draw nigh unto me and I will draw nigh unto you," saith the Lord. His absence means failure and defeat and despair. His presence means success and victory and triumph. Truly, "If God be for us," that is, on our side, "Who (or what) can be against us?" Well, He is on our side when we are on His side. If we are not on the right side, He cannot be on our side, and He must leave us to reap the folly of choice of being on the wrong side.

His presence, personally felt and appreciated among us, would change the atmosphere and our attitude, and hence our trend. I overheard a conversation the other day between two wives. The one spoke of being afraid the night before in the absence of her husband, noises were heard and she was apprehensive that someone was entering the house. The other spoke up and said, "Yes, and when my husband is away from home and I alone at night, I hear all kinds of noises; but when he is there, I never think about it." That's it! When our Defender, our Protector, our Counselor, our Redeemer, our Helper and Friend is not at home with us, we are timid and timerous and helpless to cope with the difficulties, in addition to our fears. And He will not be with us, as a people or as individuals, unless we turn back to seek His presence and His companionship.

In July of 1873, the hope of a dream of plenty for the new settlers in southern Mississippi was rudely jarred one morning when what appeared to be a heavy snowstorm proved to be millions upon millions of grasshoppers sailing down upon the fields. Everything green was devoured in a short while. The following year myriads of hoppers hatched out as the spring sun warmed the soil, and the newly planted fields were again doomed. The same thing happened the third year and the fourth. The settlers had exhausted their entire savings, larders were almost bare, and their clothing that had been patched with unused grain sacks until one could hardly tell what the original fabric was, had become threadbare. In dire desperation, as the same fate seemed to be imminent in the spring of 1877, Governor Pillsbury set aside April 26 as a day of prayer and fasting. The people resorted to God and sought in real earnest His presence in their hopeless situation. "Shortly after," runs the story of an eye witness, "the hoppers rose in a body with the noise of a stormcloud and soared away, never to return." When men seek God's presence, He comes in mighty power and works in mysterious ways His wonders to perform.

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That a country church can have an up-to-date bulletin is shown by the sample sent us by Pastor P. E. Cullom from Navilla church. Lots of interesting information, appeal and inspiration accompanied by illustrative drawings. Here is versatility.—Pike County pastors met in McComb Monday to fix a goal for their churches for the year and a program to realize it.



CHARLES E. MADDRY, Executive Secretary

Inabelle G. Coleman, Editorial Secretary

A NEW DEPARTURE IN PUBLICITY

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At the recent annual meeting of the Foreign Mission Board the new **Department of Missionary Education and Promotion** was established, and careful consideration was given to the matter of greater publicity for our Foreign Mission Board and its work. We were instructed to take up the matter of securing at a reasonable cost, if possible, a page each week in the several Baptist papers of the South. For several weeks we have been in correspondence with the editors of our Baptist papers with reference to the possibility of such an arrangement. We are glad to say that there has been the most hearty and sympathetic offer of cooperation from every editor in the South.

We have designed the cut as set forth above and are asking the editors to run this page this week as a sample of what we want to do week by week in the matter of publicity for foreign missions. If we can possibly find sufficient funds for such publicity, we plan to run a page somewhat like this in each of our Baptist papers week by week. If we find it impossible to finance a weekly page, then we hope to have a page in each paper every other week or at least once a month.

We invite suggestions from our friends and hope there will be genuine and generous appreciation on the part of all our people for the fine service our papers are rendering the cause of Christ everywhere in thus making it possible for the Foreign Mission Board to carry its message more widely to our people.

Charles E. Maddry, Executive Secretary.
Inabelle Graves Coleman, Editorial Sec'y.

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Southern Baptists now have 400 foreign missionaries in 14 different countries.

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In foreign fields last year there were 17,284 baptisms—an average of 40 for every missionary.

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Twenty-five missionaries in foreign lands are being supported by individuals or groups of individuals. It requires only \$800.00 to pay the salary of a missionary. Can you adopt one?

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On Sunday following Dr. Charles E. Maddry's message to the South Carolina Baptist Convention, the Arcadia Baptist church voted to adopt a foreign missionary in addition to their regular generous offering to the cooperative program. Does your church have a missionary of its very own above and in addition to your gifts to foreign missions through the cooperative program?

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Bessarabia is the first Eastern European country to undertake definite foreign missionary work. They have pledged themselves to be responsible to the Southern Baptist Convention for one-half the support of a missionary to Nigeria, Africa.

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America's going off the Gold Standard cut foreign mission budget in foreign countries from one-fourth to one-half.

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To live within the budget is the determined policy of the Foreign Mission Board. "We will do only the amount of foreign mission work that Southern Baptists pay for through their weekly offerings," declares Dr. Maddry.

SEEDTIME AND HARVEST REVISED

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So popular has been the new South China book, **SEEDTIME AND HARVEST**, that all of the first edition of 1,750 copies have been sold.

In preparation for the second edition, the Department of Missionary Education has revised the first edition. This has included a breaking of the pages into topical divisions bearing titles indicative of the contents, and the adding of as much valuable mission study helps, suggestions and source material as possible.

Miss Alexander, the author, has assembled a rare storehouse of valuable and interesting material on South China in the writing of this book, and with this revision, the Foreign Mission Board feels that it is offering Southern Baptists one of the best books that it has ever presented for mission study, or missionary reading. This new edition will be off the press by the middle of January.

The decrease for the first ten months of 1933 over 1932 was \$61,322.05. At this rate how can foreign missions continue to exist? Will not Southern Baptists call a halt in cutting on the Lord's page of their budgets, and start upward and forward again.

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During the 44 years that woman's missionary union has been observing the Lottie Moon week of prayer, the members have given \$2,454,774 to foreign missions.

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For 1934 the W.M.U. is planning to support 103 foreign missionaries.

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One lady in the South is supporting 15 missionaries. She has a patrol of soldiers of the King on duty around the world throughout the twenty-four hours of the days.

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Missionary Charles A. Leonard, of Harbin, Manchuria, writes that he has baptized the first person to ever be baptized "in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit" in the county of Tangyuan where thousand of Chinese live. This was Tangyuan's Red Letter Day spiritually.

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Dr. William B. Bagby organized a church near Porto Alegre on his seventy-eighth birthday.

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Helen Bagby has just held a series of chapel services in the Southern Baptist school in Porto Alegre, Brazil, and as a result, 62 students

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yielded to the Holy Spirit and made a public profession of their faith.

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The First Baptist church of Bowling Green, Ky., under the enthusiastic and deeply spiritual leadership of the pastor, Jerome O. Williams, recently held a school of missions led by Dr. T. W. Ayers, Field Representative of the Foreign Mission Board. At the close of this school of missions, the church voted unanimously to adopt a missionary in addition to their already very generous giving to the cooperative program. They have asked the Board to assign them Rev. J. T. Williams, secretary of the China Baptist Publication Society, Shanghai, China, and brother of the pastor.

GOING OFF THE GOLD STANDARD REDUCED FOREIGN MISSION FUNDS

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Last March when America went off the Gold Standard, the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention faced an average drop of at least one-fourth in the value of an American dollar. But in spite of the fact that a Gold Standard budget had to be adhered to in post Gold Standard days, and in spite of the drastic cuts that the Board has been compelled to make, the Foreign Mission Board has not yet brought home one single missionary. Instead of being discouraged by these perplexing financial problems, the reports from the Board sound a note of buoyant triumph and wonderful progress. Through the ministry of Southern Baptists' 400 missionaries on 14 foreign fields, there were 17,284 baptisms last year. Of the 2,654 Baptist churches on foreign fields 1,990 are self-supporting. Throughout all the fields there reigns a spirit of marvelous cheerfulness and courageous faith. America's going off the Gold Standard has failed to daunt the enthusiasm and courage of the foreign mission enterprise of Southern Baptists.

Yet, this unsurrendered courage does not change the fact that the value of the foreign mission funds have been severely cut. In China the American dollar previous to last March was worth five dollars in Mexican silver, while today it has dropped to a 3.3 to 1 in ratio. In Argentina the ratio was four pesos to one dollar; today it has fallen to 2.8 to one. Six months ago the American dollar was worth 19 lira in Italy; at present it is valued at 11½ lira. In all of the other European countries the proportion of decreases in the value of the American dollar has been just as severe as it has been in Italy. These financial facts have necessarily required drastic cuts somewhere in the foreign mission work.

It has taken prayerful consideration on the part of the executive secretary, and of the Foreign Mission Board, to differentiate between the importance of the various departments and fields. The salaries of the native workers have been cut to the limit. Schools, colleges and hospitals have been closed because of lack of funds and doctors.

Even though no missionaries have yet been recalled because of the strategic financial situation that the Board faces, yet many have been retained in the homeland after their furlough for lack of funds with which to send them back to their fields of service.

The Baptist constituency, however, has rallied to the situation in a marvelous way through the adoption of these missionaries. The women of the Woman's Missionary Union have taken the lead in this growing movement to return all these missionaries to their fields. Twenty-five missionaries have already been adopted since last June.

New volunteers have not been sent out for many months, yet daily the mails bring to the Board heart-stirring letters from young Baptists trained and eager to go out to the foreign fields of their call.

All these facts combine to convince one that the spirit of foreign missions is all the while growing more powerful in the hearts of Baptists around the world. In spite of difficulties and discouraging problems there burns in the hearts of the people a faith and a love that cannot be extinguished.

Editorials

FOR CONSCIENCE' SAKE

There are three motives to which we may appeal in our efforts to get people to do right: the fear of punishment, the hope of reward, and conscience. The fear of punishment covers the ground from displeasing some one or the public to physical punishment by law or otherwise. The hope of reward goes all the way from securing the approval of an individual, or of the public, to eternal rewards in heaven. Anybody can see that the fear of punishment appeals only to the lower instincts. The hope of reward is a worthier motive, but is not the highest incentive.

To urge a duty "for conscience' sake" is to appeal to the highest and best in man. Three times this phrase is used in the New Testament, once in Paul's letter to the Romans, twice in his letter to the Corinthians.

In one case he is urging obedience to civil authority, in the other he is urging conduct that will not injure a brother Christian. In the first he appeals to the reader to keep his own conscience in good working order. In the other he insists that we must not do a thing that will put our brother's conscience out of commission. To the Romans he says they are to be subject to civil authorities not only through fear of punishment, but for conscience' sake. To the Corinthians he says they are not to eat meat offered to idols for conscience' sake, "conscience, I say, not thine own but the other man's." Conscience is such a delicate instrument that when it is put out of commission a man has nothing else by which to determine his course. He is at sea without a compass. To destroy conscience or make it defective in operation will set us drifting forever on the sea of life.

Of course conscience must be regulated by the word of God. But if a man has no conscience there is nothing by which the will of God can register in his life or control his life. If his conscience is defective the will of God is prevented or obscured. So it was with Saul. So it is with many people today. Yes, Christian people. The will of God does not register accurately with them, because their conscience is defiled.

Conscience may bear witness with us in the Holy Ghost, Rom. 9:1; or it may be seared as with a hot iron, I Tim. 4:2. And Paul says some have made shipwreck on account of thrusting conscience from them, I Tim. 1:9. A clock is a good thing to have in the home and a good thing by which your work may be regulated. But sometimes the clock needs regulating. So Peter speaks of having a "good conscience toward God, I P. 3:21. Just as a clock has to be regulated from the observatory in Washington, so a conscience needs to be kept with its face toward God.

We are come upon a time when the appeal must be made to men's conscience. This is the Christian appeal. Our laws are weakening. They are falling below our former standards of right. And law can never fully and properly regulate human conduct. It is easy for the powerful to evade the law. The rich have evaded the income tax law. In many ways evasions will continue. In all cases the religion of Jesus must appeal to conscience. Law is inadequate. A man may live within the law and be a criminal at heart, and a sinner in practice. To appeal to law alone is to degrade the man. To appeal to conscience is to preserve his self-respect and raise him continually higher in the scale of being and in the practice of righteousness.

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Keith Von Hagen and Miss Elizabeth White were recently married in Nashville, Tenn. The groom is an alumnus of Miss. College and is now with the S. S. Board in Nashville.—L. B. Colvin was ordained to the ministry recently by First Church, Jackson, Tenn. His grandfather, Dr. W. D. Powell, preached the sermon.

TIME TO SEEK THE LORD

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Dr. Broadus used to tell his students not to be afraid to preach on the old familiar texts. The fact that they are familiar shows clearly that they are of genuine value and are constantly needed. A doctor ought not to confine his practice to prescribing calomel and quinine. But the doctor who refuses to use quinine and calomel will lose lots of patients. And so with preachers and the old texts.

Even familiar as it is most preachers today if they were asked where to find this passage of scripture, "It is time to seek the Lord till he come and rain righteousness upon you," would have to get down a concordance to find it. And don't think that all has been said that can be said about these old texts. There is more in them than has ever been gotten out. It may be that some things that have been preached did not come out of the text. And you may and probably will find something in the passage that nobody else has brought out. The word of God is living, in the sense that it is as fresh today as ever it was though written thousands of years ago, and it is as applicable to present day needs as it was in the day it was written.

Now that's a long introduction to a short article. But it may be needed. The words quoted above are from the prophet Hosea, who according to his testimony was contemporary with Isaiah through a long period of national and spiritual decadence. Like Isaiah he pictures a fearful state of demoralization, a period of danger ending in catastrophe, because the people and their rulers had turned away from Jehovah. Isaiah spoke mostly about conditions in Judah, while Amos spoke mostly about conditions in Israel. They had a "north" and "south" too.

As you read Amos you feel that you are "wading deep the dismal flood." The pessimist will find himself in his own atmosphere. Things seemed confused and hopeless. People and rulers together seemed going and they were going, to the "demission bow-wows." You might take the words of Amos and fit them down on spiritual and moral conditions of the world today. They would correspond about as well as a death mask on the face of a corpse.

The prophets of God were not among those who cried peace, peace, when there was no peace. They did not flatter nor seek to please people by telling them that things were going fine. They told the truth, because they had the courage to face the facts. They were not gifted in nor given to shaking hands with the devil and patting his puppets on the back. True and righteous are thy judgments, O God.

But they never quit; they never got discouraged. They believed in God and in the final triumph of righteousness. They believed in the coming kingdom of Jehovah and never lost heart. They preached against sin because they believed it could be and would be conquered. They believed in a God of infinite love and forgiveness. They preached that men should turn away from sin and return to the Lord. God was sure to have mercy on them and deliver them.

All the prophets denounce sin and preach repentance. Every one of them closes his message with an invitation of hope. They are all alike in this, major prophets and minor prophets, that they open the door of deliverance, promise restoration and invite us to draw nigh to God. The whole burden of Hosea's denunciation of sin and condemnation of Israel leads up to this verse: "Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground: for it is time to seek the Lord, till he come and rain righteousness upon you."

Our hope today is that preachers and all the people may seek the Lord. It is time to seek the Lord. It is time because of the dire need. It is time because it is not too late for God to shower mercy and righteousness upon us. Our year of evangelism must begin here.

The Convention Board met in its annual session Monday night and at this writing is still in session. Mr. M. P. L. Love was re-elected as president, Rev. W. E. Lee as recording secretary, Rev. Bryan Simmons as vice-president, and Dr. R. B. Gunter as corresponding secretary. By motion of Dr. J. D. Ray of Starkville a resolution was passed recognizing the obligation of the Education Commission to make good to Mississippi College and Blue Mountain College what was lacking in payment to them out of the 75 million campaign. A committee of three was authorized to confer with these two colleges and agree upon a satisfactory settlement and provision to meet it. This committee to report its findings to the Ex. Com. of the Board for final approval. Committees were appointed to consider and make recommendations at this meeting with reference to the various departments.

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A friend of God and of foreign missions, whose identity he wishes withheld, but whose name is in the "Lamb's book of Life," has sent \$612 as his extra gift to foreign missions. This friend from out west in New Mexico hopes to send some more, and the Board is trusting that this \$612 will soon grow to the \$800 needful for the salary of another missionary.

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Rev. E. L. Wesson died last week at his home in Dade City, Fla. His body was brought back to New Albany for burial. Brother Wesson was pastor in this city before going to Florida several years ago. He had also been pastor at Holly Springs and Water Valley and other churches in the northern part of the state. He has been long recognized as one of our best men, and one of the most popular pastors.

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Dr. E. K. Cox of Gloster writes: "I am up here in the foothills of the Smokies, in a meeting with my brother Rev. E. A. Cox. Having good meeting. First meeting the Lord has let me hold since my illness last spring. Am greatly enjoying it." And we wish to add that those people are having the pure gospel preached in demonstration of the Spirit. May many souls be won and the saints strengthened.

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The Board in session this week adopted the report of the Committee on Evangelism which outlines a good plan of work and makes fine suggestions as to a continuous evangelistic campaign for 1934. We shall be glad next week to publish in full. The Board asked that this committee consisting of Drs. J. S. Riser, A. T. Cinnamond and A. F. Crittenden serve as an administrative committee to see that the plans are worked out in the coming year.

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The Board adopted the recommendation of the Committee on the Baptist Record that we go back to a 16 page paper on Jan. 1, that the price be \$1.50 a year, and for churches which put it into half of their resident homes the price be put at \$1.00 a year to the subscriber. The Committee also asked that a short sermon be published in the Record once a month. The Board appeals to the denominational institutions for increased advertising.

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Three years ago a group of friends and Christians in Oklahoma sent out to Yangchow, China, Rev. Harold Hall, a graduate of O.B.U. and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Rev. Hall is an enthusiastic missionary, loyal and faithful in every relation to the denomination. Recently he married Miss Alice Wells, a teacher in Shanghai University. She resigned from her work in Shanghai and joined her husband at Yangchow station. The friends of Rev. Hall have decided to send their funds to the Foreign Mission Board with the understanding that the Board will appoint brother Hall as a regular missionary of the Board. The First Baptist Church of Ada, Oklahoma, has adopted Mrs. Hall as their representative on foreign fields, thus releasing Mrs. Hall's salary for the support of some unsupported missionary. This \$1,600 provokes the gratitude of the Board.

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THE HOME MISSION TASK

J. B. LAWRENCE, Executive Secretary Home Mission Board

Baptists of the South are in a great Kingdom campaign. This campaign will not succeed if it is only a series of isolated attacks, or a warfare waged by disconnected divisions. It must be the united effort of the whole denomination along the whole line and on every front of the world-field at home and abroad.

Home Missions might be defined as that group of missionary and evangelistic tasks which either because of their size or their difficulty can best be handled by a Southwide denominational agency. In short, Home Missions is the denomination as a whole taking the Gospel in all of its fullness to the people within its bounds who have it not. It differs from Foreign Missions only in the conditions under which the work is done, not at all in the message and very little in the method.

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Home Mission Fields Defined Geographically. There is a definite geographical territory in which the Home Mission work of the Southern Baptist Convention is being done. This territory is composed of the homeland—the states within the bounds of the Convention—the four western provinces of Cuba and the Canal Zone.

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Home Mission Fields Defined Economically. Our Southland, where most of the Home Mission work is done, is one of the richest countries in the world. In mineral resources, in fertility of soil, in climatic conditions it is unsurpassed anywhere in the world. The sun in his daily journey around the earth looks down upon no territory of given size comparable to this Southland of ours in material wealth. It produces 34% of the nation's coal, 54% of its zinc, 44% of its lead, 98% of its aluminum and 100% of its sulphur. From Southern wells flow half the country's oil, from Southern forests is cut half its lumber supply, on Southern fields grow most of the cotton, and from Southern pine runs most of the turpentine.

This wealth is helping to produce the racial, industrial and social problems which so alarm those who are interested in the spiritual development of the Southland. And we need this wealth for the task of world-wide missions. Baptists have a great responsibility here. They are stronger than any two denominations.

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Home Mission Fields Defined Racially. The real measure of a mission field is not miles nor money, but men; not wealth, but women, not products, but people; not funds, but folk; not material possibilities, but responsibilities.

Measuring the Home Field by men we find that there are in the South 42,000,000 people, 22,000,000 of whom ten years of age are older are out of Christ. In Cuba and Panama there are 2,500,000 more people practically all of whom are untouched by the Gospel.

We have in our midst 5,000,000 foreigners who present a Foreign Mission problem right here at our doors. There are 1,200,000 Mexicans, 600,000 French-speaking people, 650,000 Italians, 7,000 Chinese and 2,500,000 of the smaller groups, making in all, twenty-six nationalities speaking twenty-two different languages. We have also about 10,000,000 Negroes, 200,000 American Indians, and 500,000 Jews. Add to these the 2,500,000 people in Cuba and Panama, and we see that, when measured by men, the Home Mission field is one to touch our hearts with compassion and to fire our souls with zeal.

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Home Mission Fields Defined Religiously. The missionary movement in its final meaning sets before us the task of actualizing on the earth Christ's vision of the Kingdom of God.

Thus conceived, the missionary undertaking is a far greater task than the occupation of geographical areas of the globe with preachers of the Gospel. Though all the blank spaces of the

map of the world were to be filled tomorrow with mission stations, our task would still be only begun. Other regions than territorial must be claimed for Christ. Every province of our thinking, every area of our attitude, every region of our relation to others in all the world must be brought under the dominion of Christ.

Home Missions in the wider sense mean the bringing of Christian influences to bear on the great immigrant populations in our industrial and other centers; helping racial and other groups to realize the life of Christ; building up virile, vigorous churches in rural areas; developing a Christian community life in every town and city; creating a denominational morale and consciousness; fencing against the inroads of spiritual disintegration, and helping to generate spiritual enthusiasm and the will to win.

The ultimate goal is not simply the provision of religious worship for scattered population, but the establishment of a Christian social order in the homeland.

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Why Home Missions? The answer to this question cannot be given in a single statement, but is found in a series of statements setting forth the place and the importance of the Home Mission task of Southern Baptists in the social, economic and religious life of the Homeland.

Beginning at the base, possibly the first thing of importance is the denominational solidarity secured through the Home Mission Board and its work. This agency brings the impact of the whole denomination to bear upon the missionary problems of the Homeland. This secures unity of effort, economy in operation and the combined force of the denomination for any given missionary task. It also binds our people together in a worthwhile undertaking and secures to the weaker states the assistance of the stronger ones in helping to solve their mission problems.

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Spiritual Revitalization. Another very important element in determining the value of Home Missions is the contribution Home Missions is making to the religious life of the denomination. We should evangelize the Homeland for these reasons: (1) that the unsaved may be saved; (2) to deepen the spiritual life of our churches; (3) to save our Homeland from the blight of the modern world spirit; (4) in order to open, freshen, quicken and enlarge the fountains of missionary benevolence; and (5) to strengthen and mobilize the home forces for world conquest for Christ.

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Building a New World. We must not forget that the value of any particular enterprise fostered by our churches is to be determined by the importance of that enterprise in the structural work of building a Christian world.

The objective of Home Mission work is to transfuse all the life-forces in the homeland with the spiritual potencies of the Kingdom of God.

In the Southland, as elsewhere in the world, forces are at work on a gigantic scale to give a new "set" to our social, economic, cultural and religious life for generations to come. Vast changes are taking place. A new world is being created right in our midst. A vast horde of people with all sorts of thought and character are coming to plant themselves in our land. The forces at work are mighty and sinister. There is the modern world spirit, the passion for possessions, the revolt against tradition, the throwing off of the restraint of authority, crass materialism, atheistic communism, racial antagonisms, and casts of labor and capital. In this field of cross currents and adverse elements we are laboring in our Home Mission work to bring out of Chaos, Cosmos.

Our Southland is a religious laboratory. We are not dealing with geography simply, but with 42,000,000 people, all that they are and all that

they have. Shall we not do best to Christianize them?

Convention Board Department

R. B. GUNTER, Cor. Sec'y.
This one thing we do, pay our debts.

DICTATORSHIP

Some have said that in the United States we have a dictatorship now. If this be true, the success of our future is dependent upon the character and the wisdom of the dictator. Doubtless there was need for more centralized power. There was need for more respect for constituted authority. We had reached the point where every man wanted to be a law unto himself. There were Bolsheviks, there were Anarchists. Our new experience may prove to be helpful. The same tendency was in evidence in our church and denominational work. Churches passed resolutions by a majority vote, but still they have the objecting minority. Our convention passed resolutions and small minorities seek to undo what has been done. Baptist people above all others should practice democracy because they, more than others, advocate democracy.

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TOLERANCE

It was said that the object of the coming of the Catholic Priest, the Jewish Rabbi and the Presbyterian Minister to Jackson was for the purpose of cultivating tolerance. This is a most hopeful sign. In the light of church history, it will be seen that this is in line with the contention of Baptist bodies and has been for many centuries. Get out your church history and read the history of religious persecution and the denominations which have persecuted for religious reasons and the denominations which have been intolerant, and you will be all the more encouraged by the efforts that are being put forth now. It will also doubtless strengthen your faith in the contentions of the Baptist denomination.

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LET'S PAY ALL OF OUR DEBTS

The writer favors as much as does anyone the paying of all of our debts. It is, however, wise to pay them in a manner which will not jeopardize any participating interest, but out hearts and heads and hands and purses should be dedicated to the payment of every obligation. And if we will strive together in accordance with the Convention's plans, we can pay every cent. The writer believes that the churches will pay our debts if properly informed by the pastors. If this is not done, there are enough individual Baptists who are willing to make individual contributions sufficient for paying our debts, provided the work is properly presented to them. Let us not be afraid to give the information. Our people will not over give. They are capable of taking care of their pocketbooks.

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CORRECTIONS

In the second paragraph of the copy furnished to the Baptist Record last week this sentence appeared: "This was an average of \$36.00 per church." This was correct, but it appeared in the Record: "This was an average of \$35.00 per church." In the third paragraph of the copy given to the Record it read: "Deducting five individual contributions, 142 churches gave in the Debt Paying Campaign \$2,612.00. 1,398 churches gave nothing." In the Record it read: "Deducting five individual contributions, 142 churches gave nothing." The facts are that 142 churches made contributions in the Debt Paying Campaign. 1,398 made no offerings.

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If you gave the Baptist Record as a gift to some one last Christmas why not send us your renewal subscription again this year.

WHY NOT A MORATORIUM ON SOUTHERN BAPTIST PREACHING AND WORK?

Eldridge B. Hatcher

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Would it be well to declare a moratorium on all preaching and church work until pastors and members can get ready for their work? Will any one dare claim that our denomination is meeting the Pentecostal requirements, or even definitely aiming at it?

Christ, just before His ascension sealed the lips of His apostles for ten days. May we say that He declared a moratorium on preaching? During those days—"with one accord"—they prayed and waited for the Baptism of the Spirit. On the tenth day the Spirit came and filled them. Their lips were unsealed and three thousand souls were led into the Kingdom and Christianity started on its world journey.

I can not restrain my imagination from drawing pictures of what might happen if we as a united people should stop our vast machineries, call off our preaching and other services, and get alone, or come together with other hungry souls, and cry for the Spirit's complete domination.

Here before me is the record of some preachers who have locked their lips before further preaching, and hid themselves away in their prayer rooms. Dr. R. A. Torrey writes:

"I had been a minister for some years before I came to the place where I saw that I had no right to preach until I was definitely baptized with the Holy Ghost. I went to a business friend of mine and said to him in private, 'I am never going to enter my pulpit again until I have been baptized with the Holy Spirit and know it, or in some way God tells me to go.' Then, just as far as I could, I shut myself up alone in my study and spent the time continually on my knees asking God to baptize me with the Holy Spirit. As the days passed the devil tried to tempt me by saying, 'Suppose Sunday comes and you are not baptized with the Holy Spirit, what then?' I replied, 'Whatever comes, I will not go into my pulpit and preach again until I have been baptized with the Holy Spirit and know it, or God in some way tells me to go; even though I have to tell my people that I have never been fit to preach.'

"But Sunday did not come before the blessing came. I had it more or less mapped out in my mind what would happen; but what I had mapped out in my mind did not happen. I recall the exact spot where I was kneeling in prayer in my study. I could go to the very spot in that house at 1348 N. Adams St., Minneapolis. It was a very quiet moment, one of the most quiet moments I ever knew; indeed one reason I had to wait so long was because it took that long before my soul could get quiet before God. Then God simply said to me, not in audible voice, but in my heart, 'It is yours. Now go and preach.' I went and preached and I have been a new minister from that day to this."

No one, of course, wishes to copy the spiritual experiences of another, but it is at least interesting to note how this preacher sought to obey the Master's command to tarry in prayer for the enduement of power. We know that Doctor Torrey's work began to widen until it grew into a worldwide ministry of wonderful power and fruitage.

Mention has already been made in some of our papers of the experience of a young minister,—as told by Dr. E. Stanley Jones. This young preacher, being brought into contact with a brother minister and "sensing the fact" that this minister "had found a joyous spiritual adequacy," said to him one day:

"I have been preaching things that are not operative in me; I refuse to perjure myself any longer. I am not going to preach again unless I can preach reality. I'll give God until Sunday to do something for me and if He doesn't do anything for me before Sunday, some one else can preach; I won't."

"Here was spiritual honesty and desperation," says Dr. Jones, "that was bound to lead somewhere . . . He could go no further until he had

gone deeper. He took Saturday off as 'a day of retreat.' He came forth from those prayer hours a changed man. He had a new dynamic—the Spirit. He went to his pulpit and the crowd filed in and settled back in their seats to listen to the old words. He hadn't been talking ten minutes before they saw they had a new minister. There was undertones in his quiet words they had never heard before. The WORD was throbbing in his words. Before that morning was over almost that whole congregation was seeking what their young minister had found. He was going further now because he had gone deeper.

The Apostle Paul paid an enormous price for the ability to say, "I am crucified with Christ. I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me." He probably paid a large part of that price while alone with God in the desert of Arabia to which place he had retired before beginning his ministry. He laid aside everything—"suffering the loss of all things"—conferring not with flesh and blood—not even with the apostles. He let—not ten days, but—the years go by while he was getting ready. But, oh, when he came forth he came panoplied with heavenly power and we know the results that followed throughout Asia and Europe.

We are so busy, busy, busy with our committee meetings, rallies, conferences, programs, conventions, board meetings and multitudinous machineries,—toiling all night and catching so little. These activities are important, of course, but they are dealing largely with surface conditions and by-products. They should operate as results—as fruits of the Spirit—rather than as humanly organized enterprises. Can we not see that we are spending much of our labor for that which is not bread? We are tugging at the engines with the fires almost gone out. We are ever writing and talking about "spirituality" in general, instead of thundering forth the truth that the natural self must be "crucified" before we can be "filled with the Spirit" for service. We often quote, in our impassioned pronouncements, the words in the Great Commission, "Go ye," but we have rushed by that little word that should have startled and stopped us—the word "Lo"—and the words that follow,—"I am with you." We have "gone" but we have gone without the Master's Spirit filling and empowering us, and consequently we have gone alone.

Why can we not concentrate on securing that enduement? Is not that the outstanding, imperious need to which our denominational leaders and pastors should now summon us? Shall we continue to be writing and talking of our natural abilities for achievements rather than of our spiritual inabilities? Is it not time for us to take stock of our ignorance and helplessness in spiritual matters? Do we not need to have the Cross uplifted at the center of Southern Baptist character-building, with the Southern Baptist "flesh" nailed thereon? It was at the Cross that our sin-burden rolled away. Very true; but it must also be at the Cross that we must pay the great price of being "crucified with Christ" for preparation for doing His work.

We hear much of Rallies. Why not halt and rally around the Cross? Why not make 1934 mark a new era in Baptist history because Southern Baptists on their knees, in their secret places, paid the Pentecostal price, secured the Pentecostal blessing and thereby enable their glorious Lord and Master to win, through them, His Pentecostal triumphs?

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Isn't that a way to help the poor! A news item accompanied with picture of the jewels says, "Jewels valued at \$500,000 will be worn by Mary Pickford at a benefit for needy motion picture players in Los Angeles." With the salaries they are said to get it is difficult to see how there can be any needy motion picture players. And half a million dollars in jewels turned into food for the poor would go a long way in relieving the distress of the world. Here is a case of asking for bread and getting stones.

COME TO NASHVILLE

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The Nashville City B.Y.P.U. extends a cordial welcome to the Baptist Young People of the South to attend the Third Southwide B. Y. P. U. Conference, which will be held in the Capitol City of Tennessee, December 27-29, 1933.

The opening session will be at 10:30 o'clock on Wednesday morning, the 27th. The closing speaker of the day will be Dr. C. O. Johnson, past President of the Northern Baptist Convention. On Thursday, Dr. M. E. Dodd, President of the Southern Baptist Convention, will bring the concluding message. On Friday night, Dr. George W. Truett, past President of the Southern Baptist Convention, will speak.

On Wednesday night, following the conference sessions, the Nashville City B. Y. P. U. is sponsoring an informal reception, at which time the delegates will have an opportunity to meet the leaders of the denomination and others, thus becoming better acquainted during the sessions. Nashville is making plans to entertain between two and four thousand. The hotels are making an attractive rate.

The railroads have reduced rates for that season and are planning to run special coaches from various points. The Georgia young people are chartering a special train for the occasion, more than 200 coming on it. The Nashville railroads, the N. C. & St. L., the L. & N., and the Tennessee Central, are cooperating in every possible way to make the convention a success.

Hotel reservations may be made through Mr. Herman King, 77 Arcade, Nashville, Tenn.

Nashville extends its heartiest welcome to these spiritual guests from over the Southland.

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Throughout the South there are many who are already giving their tithe and more to the cooperative program, but who wish to make an extra gift toward the active, current work on the foreign fields today. These may be interested to know that the Foreign Mission Board's goal is "fifty missionaries adopted before January 1st." A missionary's salary is only \$800. What individual will make Christ a birthday gift of a missionary at this Christmas time?

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Calvary Baptist church, Roanoke, Va., which is one of the strongest churches in Virginia in the support of the cooperative program, has just written the Board asking for the privilege of adopting a foreign missionary in addition to their generous gifts to the cooperative program. Dr. Richard S. Owens is the pastor leading these people into greater visions for kingdom service.

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SURELY YOU ARE INTERESTED

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It was Victor Hugo who said in *Les Misérables*, "The wretchedness of a child interests a mother, the wretchedness of a youth interests an old man, but the wretchedness of an old man interests nobody." The Relief and Annuity Board is slow to believe that the wretchedness of our old ministers interests nobody; yet it is quite apparent that those who are interested are not sufficiently interested.

This Board is doing its utmost to arouse the consciences of Southern Baptists in behalf of these aged veterans. It distributes every dollar and every penny given by the churches without the deduction of a cent for expenses of administration. It can do but little because the contributions are so small. The need was never greater and many hundreds of worthy beneficiaries are paid sums that are pitifully small, while scores of applications are held on the waiting list. Surely this situation should arouse interest. The remedy is to be found in a thorough-going Every Member Canvass in every Church.

THE RELIEF AND ANNUITY BOARD of the SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

Thomas J. Watts, Executive Secretary

Dallas, Texas

Thursday, December 14, 1933

Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union

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When you read this page, the Christmas holidays will be very near. At present we have the names of several aged ministers and the widows of aged ministers who will not be remembered by any one unless you provide for them. Will you write to the W.M.U. office immediately for the name of one to send a box to Christmas? Thank you.

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 Berzei 29,
 Bucuresti, II, Roumania
 October 30, 1933.

Dear friends:

Ever since school reopened on September 15th, we have wanted to write to tell you about it. Your love and prayers have helped us through our cloudy days, and we know that you will rejoice with us that the sun is again shining for our work. We have fifty young people on our campus now—twenty-six in the boys' building and twenty-four in the girls'. The two schools are entirely separate, although the girls sometimes attend the lectures in the seminary.

When the James Memorial was first opened we admitted girls, regardless of the amount of education they had, which seemed the best at the time, but this year we raised the standard and only girls who have had at least six years of schooling are admitted. Since it is only recently that six years have been made compulsory, some thought it would be difficult to find enough Baptist girls with even that amount of education to form a school. However, we thought it best to have a few selected girls who would be leaders, and to our surprise, twenty-four girls have enrolled. Not only all of them have six or seven years of schooling, but two are taking courses in the university and two are continuing their High School work.

Rev. S. H. Templeman, pastor of Brown Memorial church, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, is a leader in state work and stands by the North Carolina state convention 100%. A letter from Dr. Templeman to the Foreign Mission Board tells of an enthusiastic school of missions recently held in that church. Mrs. R. K. Redwine, Field Representative of Woman's Missionary Union of the South, was the leader. As a practical result of this week of study, the men of Brown Memorial adopted for themselves a pastor on foreign fields—a missionary. Congratulations to these men! They lead off in the South as the first group of men to assume the \$800 salary of an individual missionary.

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Farmers in Mississippi have this year received probably 50% more for their crops than they did last year. As this is our basic industry all other people must have shared to some degree in this improved condition. It is a good time to give thanks and to remember the Lord with a special offering. "Through him let us offer up a sacrifice of praise to God continually. But to do good and to communicate forget not, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased." Heb. 13:15-16.—If you have not yet joined the 100,000 club, and you wish to share the glory of paying the debts on our southwide boards, send to Dr. Fr. Tripp, pastor First Baptist Church, St. Joseph, Mo., and he will send you pledge cards and envelopes. Or ask your church treasurer for them. This plan is for each member to pay \$1.00 a month on the debts.

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Dr. W. Norman Cox has been one year pastor at Fifth Ave. Church, Huntington, W. Va. In

We have Roumanians, Hungarians, Germans and Russians. Dr. Lewis, on his recent visit, remarked that he knows no better way to promote understanding and peace among nations than to have a group of this sort, studying, praying and thinking together.

The Hungarian girls do not understand Roumanian so that the lessons must be translated. The difficulty comes when a lesson is given in English, for it must be translated twice. Fortunately we have girls who speak both languages.

The girls do all of the housework, cooking and buying. They have classes in Old and New Testament, Sunday school methods and W.M.U. work. One of the University girls teaches Roumanian grammar and literature. Another girl whom we sent to a gymnasium last year, teaches gymnastics. Another who had a course in dressmaking teaches sewing. A lady doctor gives lessons in hygiene and physiology and takes a group out to assist in a baby clinic once a week. All the girls take organ lessons. This was made possible through the generous gift of a Sunday school class at home. The money received bought two organs, so each girl has her hour for lesson and practice. Music is a great part of the church life, especially that of the young people—and often there is no one in the church who can play the organ. So if our three organs are in use all day long, we hope we have many organists in the making, who later will contribute to the musical life of the village churches.

The Y.W.A. of the James Memorial meets every week, when they study missions. The life of Livingstone and of Mary Slessor have been translated and these with other missionary subjects are studied. A play showing some events in the life of Ann of Ava was played last win-

this time 194 have been added to the church, numbers of members now 2,047. All current obligations met and \$7,500 given to missions. The congregations are the largest in the history of the church.—Foreign Mission Board receipts for Nov. were \$53,946.12 of which \$34,819.45 came through the cooperative program. This is 20% better than the same month last year. The amount sent from Mississippi this November was \$1,183.20.—A good recommendation from some officials at the State College at Starkville, formerly known as the A. & M. College, was published recently in some of the daily papers. If we had room we should be glad to reproduce it. The substance of it was to urge upon all Mississippi farmers the necessity of immediately planting orchards, and a plot of ground to small fruits.

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A hint to the wise and otherwise: A few days ago a gentleman who is on the pulpit committee of his church which is looking for a pastor said to us, "I wish you would tell the preachers to have their trousers pressed and their shoes shined. The people don't like for their preacher to look blosy or messy in the pulpit." Now then, we have passed the word along, though it may be that the preachers who need this admonition are the ones who do not take the Baptist Record. This man was not overfastidious. He is a farmer and his church is a once a month church, but he says the people do not like to see a preacher's clothes look baggy. It is not primarily how much your clothes cost, but how well you keep them in proper condition. I know a young man who gets hardly enough to keep soul and body together, but he always looks neat. Another is

ter. This made a powerful impression on the students. As a part of Personal Service they are clothing a boy in the orphans' home. The girls teach in the local Sunday schools, where they put into practice the methods and lessons they have learned in the school. Plans and programs for women's circles, helps for young peoples' societies all over the country go out from the James Memorial office. Our mimeograph is always in use.

A new book is ready for the publishers—the first book for women especially. The book treats all phases of woman's home and church life.

We get letters almost daily from workers asking for material to help them in Sunday school and women's work. Later we hope to have a book on S. S. helps, with illustrated lessons.

In the spring, when the regular school closes we shall have a special training course for older women, during the summer, similar courses will be held in other sections and also summer encampments for girls. Our girls trained in the school will assist in these.

In one letter we cannot tell all that we do, but we hope that this will give you an idea of what the James Memorial is doing.

Of course there are problems, for human nature is the same here as it is anywhere else. And often there are discouragements, but we thank God for what we have been able to do in His Name and take courage for the future. Will you not continue to pray for us, in this important and far-reaching work and for the young people, who live in the house provided by your generosity.

Yours in Christ,
 Emma G. Gill
 Earl Hester
 Mrs. Ida Hurley

known who gets as much for his services but always looks as if his clothes were ready to fall off of him. And what can we do about it?

—BR—

On Sunday morning the Clinton church set apart Mr. Jno. A. Moore to the work of the ministry. His home is in Tupelo. He is a member of the senior class in Mississippi College, and president of the B.S.U. No young man among us is more highly esteemed. The writer has known his godly ancestry for several generations. A few nights before he was examined by a presbytery, Pastor Lovelace leading and was unanimously approved. On Sunday his brother Rev. Merrill Moore, pastor of First Church, Selma, Ala., preached the sermon. The prayer was led by Rev. R. A. Eddleman, followed by the laying on of hands by all the ordained ministers present, and by the deacons. The day of ordination was Mr. Moore's twenty-first birthday.

—BR—

Miss Jennie G. Bright's resignation as secretary of the Kentucky W. M. U. was accepted reluctantly. A recent automobile accident makes it unnecessary for her to rest a while—C. C. Thomas of Roanoke, Va., succeeds F. D. King as pastor First Church, Newnan, Ga.—We are glad to report the steady improvement of Mrs. J. E. Byrd at the Baptist Hospital in Jackson after a major operation.—Rev. W. A. Hogan and his father have been pastors in succession in one country church in Georgia for seventy years.

—BR—

At the Bessarabian Baptist annual convention held in October, 800 baptisms were reported for the nine months of 1933. Their goal is 1,000 by January 1st.



MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLE'S UNION

W. L. MEADOWS, State President
Morton, Miss.



AUBER J. WILDS, General Secretary
Oxford, Miss.



There is but One Thing Better than a Saved Soul, and that is, a Saved Soul Plus a Saved Life, the B. Y. P. U. Adds the Plus

TO MISSISSIPPI BYPU OFFICERS AND MEMBERS, GREETINGS:

This is our last opportunity to visit you during the year 1933. I have heard and read so many encouraging reports of the good work that has been done throughout our state. I find myself growing in appreciation of BYPU workers and their labors. It has been my privilege to visit several of the county and divisional meetings, which proved to me beyond any doubt, not only the ability of BYPU workers, but also their willingness and enthusiasm in the work.

I also wish to thank all those who rendered assistance in our campaign for subscriptions to the Baptist Record. Thanks for service. Although we failed to reach our goal, which we all regret I am sure, but our work was not a failure. We shall never know the numbers reached, nor the inspiration gained through the information given out through the pages of our own Baptist Record. Reaching and properly influencing the life of one young Christian would prove a great dividend on the investment that we made in the campaign.

Surely, all of our Unions have re-organized, have their new officers and each has learned his duty—as an officer—with BYPU standards on the wall, challenging every member to prove his efficiency and loyalty. Now for special effort in extension work, and in enlisting the unen-

listed Christians. We have a worthy goal . . . therefore let us strive more earnestly.

Now with the end of this good year drawing nigh, we are again reminded of the Christmas season, with all of its lovely messages, its spirit of helpfulness and of unselfishness, yea, its spirit of real sacrifice for the happiness of others. May we also be reminded of Him "Who gave Himself for us . . . that we should not live unto ourselves but unto Him who died for us, and rose again."

Now immediately after Christmas, during your holiday season, there comes the opportunity to again attend our Southwide BYPU Conference. This is one of the greatest meetings of young people in the Southland. Go and give your best thought to this great meeting and you will never be the same again. Prominent speakers, great spiritual messages, inspiration of youth and helpful conferences await all those who avail themselves of this unusual privilege. Wait a moment! Just now, for fear you will forget it later—take your diary, make an engagement with yourself—write in the book: "Third Southwide BYPU Conference, December 27-29, Nashville." Come on ye Mississippians.

Yours for a great Southwide Conference,
W. L. MEADOWS.

WE WANT MISSISSIPPI TO COME TO THE THIRD SOUTHWIDE B. Y. P. U. CONFERENCE

J. E. Lambdin

Conditions were never more promising for any gathering of youth and youth leaders than those now favoring the coming Southwide B. Y. P. U. Conference.

THE TIME

A better time for all our people could hardly be found. December 27-29, coming right after Christmas, is best for all students and school teachers. It is also a slack time in business, and therefore best for most business people. Coming just before the new year, it is the ideal time to study new plans, learn new truths, and get new inspiration.

The meeting will begin at 10:30 A. M., Wednesday, December 27, and continue through Friday evening, December 29.

THE PLACE

Nashville, Tennessee, "The Athens of the South," home of the Baptist Sunday School Board, is the ideal meeting place. The beautiful new War Memorial Auditorium will house the Conference. Nashville is easily accessible from all points of the South, being near the center of our territory. The Baptists of Nashville and the civic authorities have opened their hearts and the city to the coming throngs, and are ready.

THE THEME

The theme for the program, "Christ Our Authority," with its challenging scripture, "He Must Reign," has already caught the imagination of our people. The BYPU work of 1934 will be based upon this theme, and will in reality be launched in this meeting. The program of this meeting will be a ringing declaration to the world that Christ is our authority in all matters of soul, and we are looking to him for orders as we march to meet all the problems of this age.

THE SPEAKERS

Some of the best speakers in the South, or the nation, will appear on this program. Among them will be Dr. George W. Truett, Dr. C. O. Johnson, Dr. M. E. Dodd, Dr. Frank Tripp, Dr. Harold Tribble, Dr. Chas. E. Maddry, Dr. John L. Hill, Dr. J. B. Lawrence, and many others. There will also be leading missionaries and representative young people on the program. Every session will be brimful of interesting features.

THE MUSIC

John Hoffman, superb song leader, soloist and radio artist, will be in charge of the music. The famous Bellevue Girl's Quartet will be featured. Louise Hoe will thrill the audience with living messages from the violin.

THE DISCUSSION GROUPS

In the discussion groups every phase of BYPU and BAU work in the

churches, colleges, and associations will be demonstrated and discussed. Some of the leaders in these groups will be E. E. Lee, J. E. Lambdin, Mrs. J. E. Lambdin, Aubrey Hearn, W. A. Harrell, Mrs. A. L. Crawley, J. T. Watts, E. J. Wright, Versil Crenshaw, Winnie Rickett, Mabel Starnes, Florrie Lee Lawton, J. L. Corzine, W. W. Willian, O. K. Radford, Edwin S. Preston, Mrs. Edwin S. Preston, Henry C. Rogers, Mrs. Henry C. Rogers, Davis Cooper, Mrs. Davis Cooper, Auber J. Wilds, Joe B. Moseley, T. C. Gardner, Grace Conn, Geo. F. Elam, S. S. Bussell, T. H. Farmer, Blanche Linthicum, J. C. Hockett, Jr., C. A. Carlock, J. M. Crave, Lyman Hailey, Roxie Jacobs, W. D. Hudgins, Jessie Daniels, Frank H. Leavell, Wm. Hall Preston, Sibyl Brame, and J. P. Edmunds.

Another group of conferences will deal with the Christian's use of leisure time. Still another group will present missions. These will be led by specialists in these fields.

THE SOUTHWIDE INTERMEDIATE SWORD DRILL

This is always a high point in Southwide Conference programs. This year will be no exception.

THE EXHIBITS

The exhibits at this Conference will be a pictorial pageant of BYPU and BAU, presenting in clear detail every phase of every grade of the work. With pencil and notebook in hand, any worker may obtain a wealth of new ideas from the exhibits. They will be in charge of C. A. Hearn and W. A. Harrell. Keith Von Hagen will have charge of the book exhibit.

THE HOTEL RATES

The hotels of Nashville are cooperating to show that the city is genuinely eager to extend real southern hospitality to the visitors. Note the rates given on cover page two of the December Monthly BYPU and you will be convinced. Write Herman King, 77 Arcade, Nashville, Tennessee, now for your reservation.

THE RAILROAD RATES

The railroads are extending the low round trip holiday rates to Nashville through December 26 and 27, and on again December 29, good for return until January 9. Pullman rates are also reduced. Ask your ticket agent for details.

THE REGISTRATION FEE

A registration fee of \$1.00 will be charged to all who attend from outside of Nashville Association, except pastors. The hotel rates will be allowed only to registered delegates. A fee of 25 cents per day will be charged those who come in from nearby points for single days.

This fee helps defray the expenses of the program.

WHO SHOULD COME?

Pastors, BYPU directors and general officers, leaders and sponsors, officers of all unions, college BYPU officers, associational officers, and all who are interested may come to this meeting.

One of the rare privileges of this Conference is the opportunity of mingling with this choice group of workers from all over the South.

Come on Mississippi!

B. Y. P. U. DISTRICT ONE--W. CENTRAL SECTION OF STATE



W. C. Howard
Forest
District President

who can should fail to go, hence FORWARD MARCH TO NASHVILLE DEC. 27-29.—The Leake County Associational BYPU had a most interesting program at Carthage on Nov. 19th. In addition to splendid devotional, special music and sermon the program was marked by four excellent talks: "Worthy Motives in Church Work," "Unworthy Motives in Church Work," "Why I Like to Work in My Church," "Opportunities for Service in a Baptist Church."



The annual meeting of the Canton Division which met at Canton was everything that one could expect in regard to practical plans. All the counties were represented in a great way, and entered enthusiastically into the plans of the day. Each county made some practical and progressive plans for the work of this coming year. Holmes County is planning to edit a BYPU news bulletin to be sent to every member of Holmes County BYPU's. We are looking forward to this endeavor with much interest.

The BYPU's of Carthage are giving a religious play Dec. 7th to defray the expenses of several young people to the convention at Nashville. We are expecting to have a large delegation from both Holmes and Leake Counties.

We are still sending in a few subscriptions to the Record. Bro. "Dick" Campbell has rendered us a great service in helping to secure these subscriptions. We hope to place the paper in more homes before the first of the year.

B. Y. P. U. DISTRICT TWO--N. W. SECTION OF STATE



I consider that our BYPU's of District Two are making some definite progress. In the meetings I have had the privilege of attending, there seemed to prevail the spirit of reverence, reality and service more than at any period in recent days. If I have been correctly informed all associations with the exception of one are organized and doing good work. No one of our district presidents has such a fine group of divisional presidents as we have here in District Two.

How about it? Are you going to Nashville to that BYPU Conference? Come on, let's represent Mississippi in the largest possible way. Let us go, not with the idea of pride, nor so much with a spirit of rivalry, nor altogether just to receive a blessing; but let us go with the fixed purpose of better preparing ourselves to be a bigger blessing than we have yet been able to be.



Kermit R. Cofer
Water Valley
Pres. Grenada Div.

Our divisional meeting is now almost thoroughly history, other than from standpoint of benefits and memories, but the divisional president must speak a word here in appreciation of all the many acts of cooperation which were exhibited in order to make the meeting a success at Itta Bena. The BYPU members of Itta Bena, the members of Itta Bena Baptist Church, and particularly the fine pastor, Bro. Farr, and the kind ladies of the church, all worked very much in order to insure the success of the meeting.

Then BYPU members poured in from out-of-town to such an extent that the writer who thought he had great dreams of attendance, was completely surprised.

Bro. Grafton, District President, honored us with his presence and contributed greatly to the success of the meeting by delivering the closing address and by leading the singing and bring us special messages in song. Bro. Dockery, Sardis Division President, also did us the honor to attend our meeting.—Definite steps were taken to carry out the suggested program of the State Department, and the success of the meeting will only be measured in the many years to come.



R. E. Morgan
Jackson
Pres. Jackson Div.

One of our best BYPU enthusiasts so often makes this statement, "I never get in a crowd where anyone who attended the BYPU Conference in Atlanta is, without hearing something about that trip. How I wish I could have gone." She truly speaks the sentiment of many from our Association for each one who had the privilege of going came home with such a great amount of new information, inspiration and consecration that our BYPU's were really "transformed."

How happy we are that on December 27th-29th at Nashville we are being offered another opportunity to better learn how to carry on the BYPU work. We are hoping to have a good representation from our Association. So come on, everybody interested in BYPU—let's go! Dec. 27th-29th—On to Nashville.



Vernal Stockstill
Magee
Pres. Forest Div.

With the coming of December we are faced with the fact that this year is coming fast to a close. This brings us to the realization that our accomplishments haven't been what they should have, neither have we put forth such efforts as our ability could have furnished.

The writer has resolved to start at one, to write more letters than he has ever written, to give more intensive study to BYPU work, to keep in closer touch with each leader and union in the Forest Division.

We firmly believe in the young people of this state, the ones that make up our Junior, Intermediate and Senior Unions. We believe that they are going to furnish a consecrated and wise church leadership in the future.

With our splendid host of able and efficient leaders and workers we are looking forward with much hope for great gains.



Earl Thomas
Indianola
Pres. Leland Div.

As we look forward to the Southwide BYPU Conference our division has an extra interest in that the Southwide Sword Drill Contest will have as one of the contestants Miss Jimmie Reese from Shelby, Bolivar County. Miss Reese won first place in the state contest and goes as the representative from Mississippi. We are hoping that we may have a good attendance from our division at the conference. It comes when most folks can easily get away, so make your plans to attend.—The work in our division continues to make progress. The fall and winter months give us a new zest and efficient work is being done in nearly all of our unions. Let every union set as their minimum goal the standard of excellence. The Leland church, even though they have no pastor at present, under the able leadership of Miss Tolar is doing excellent work. Bolivar County elected Mrs. J. C. Hardin of Cleveland as Associational Intermediate Leader and she enters the task of enlarging the number of efficiency of the Intermediate unions in the association.



Chas. Dockery
Hernando
Pres. Sardis Div.

Our BYPU's of the Northwest division, or the Sardis division, look forward to two events this month. The Southwide BYPU Conference to be held in Nashville on December 27, 28, 29, and our Divisional BYPU meeting to be held for one day, December 31st, at First Church, Marks. We ask all BYPU leaders to take note of these two important meetings.

The Conference in Nashville comes just before our divisional meeting and we will have a good report of that meeting when we meet in marks. Mr. Angus Emerson, President of the Coldwater Associational B. Y. P. U., will be the official representative of our division and will bring to us at the divisional meeting a report of the Southwide Conference. We look forward to his report with interest. We are expecting a good delegation to attend the Southwide Conference from our division. It is just a few days drive, or an easy trip via train.—We urge every BYPU in the division to be represented at our Divisional meeting. We will have a most interesting meeting. The division includes all churches in DeSoto, Tate, Panola, Coahoma, Tunica and Quitman Counties. Remember the date. Fifth Sunday in December.

B. Y. P. U. DISTRICT THREE--N. E. SECTION OF STATE



John N. Kellogg
Rienzi
District President

Now is the time of our Every Member Canvass. We have all heard it talked and probably some representative has called giving each of us the opportunity of making our pledge to our church. Maybe we have promised all that we can. Maybe we do not know right now where the money we have promised is coming from. I want to make this plea to the BYPU members. Let us give to the Lord's work as we never have before. Let us sacrifice some of our unnecessary expenses, that we may get a real pleasure out of giving to the Lord.

Dec. 27-28-29 are red letter days for our BYPU. We have the chance of a life time on those days. North Mississippi especially should plan to take advantage of this opportunity. Every Union should have one or more representatives at the Southwide BYPU Conference to be held at Nashville on those dates. The best way for us to make our unions function properly is to know all we can about the work. The best way to know about the work is to keep up with what is going on. Let us take advantage of this opportunity and go to Nashville.



J. W. T. Siler
Chalybeate
Pres. N. Albany Div.

Should you be discouraged because some of your best members are away at college or away pursuing various occupations, take advantage of this winter season and train your younger members to take their places. The purpose of the BYPU is to train them and send them out to serve. Have at least one meeting of your Program Committee each month to discuss problems and plans for programs. Stress the Daily Bible Readings and have some wide-awake Study Courses.

It may be that you have neglected the social life of your Union. A well planned social is a good thing and a source of wholesome entertainment. Why not plan a real social for the Christmas vacation to take the place of questionable amusement. Invite former BYPU members who are at home for the holidays.

Are you planning to go to the Southwide BYPU Conference at Nashville, Tennessee, December 27-29? This Division should be well represented.

B. Y. P. U. DISTRICT FOUR--E. CENTRAL SECTION OF STATE



R. D. Pearson
Macon
District President

Some one has said that the man who succeeds is the man who is prepared when the opportunity comes. This truth applies to those who labor for the Master in great Kingdom interests as much as it applies elsewhere.—The Southwide BYPU Conference at Nashville is offering to all who will come the very best things in the way of information and inspiration for the work of the coming year. And, after all, information plus inspiration constitute real preparation.—From our District it is an easy day's drive to Nashville. Let us plan to get together in groups and make the trip in this way. By so doing the expense of the trip will be held at the minimum and in addition to this we will have good fellowship on the way. The writer is planning to take a car and have room for two or three others. If any one is interested I would be glad to hear from you.—As the Christmas season draws near I am wishing for every one the abiding joy of the Master's presence not only for the immediate days of Christmas, but for each day of the coming year and through all the days ahead. May He give us grace to make the new year glorious for Him.



Granville Myrick
Kosciusko
Pres. Ackerman Div.

Since the meeting of District Four Convention last June there has been three associations organized in Ackerman Division. The third one was organized November 19th at Ackerman with Miss Opal Turner of Concord church as president. This makes all associations in this division organized, hence, a good beginning.

The Winston County Association held its first meeting at Good Hope church the third Sunday in October and reported an attendance of one hundred fifty and great enthusiasm. The following Sunday our annual divisional conference was held at Ackerman church with a good program and good attendance. Winston County topped the list in attendance with more than the other three associations combined.

The Attala County or Kosciusko Association, held its regular quarterly meeting at Ethel the fifth Sunday in October with good attendance and a good program. Their next regular meeting will be held at Bear Creek church in January.—Let's go to the Southwide BYPU Conference at Nashville Dec. 27-29. A good place to spend your Christmas holidays.



Chas. Bucy
Planterville
Pres. Booneville Div.

all this Christmas, but no Southern Baptist could hope for a better Christmas than that spent at the Southwide BYPU Conference on Dec. 27-29.

What a great opportunity!
Go, and take some one with you.



S. L. Dobbs
Calhoun City
Pres. Pontotoc Div.

Pontotoc Division faces the winter months with a good BYPU morale.

A number of our people attended the State Convention at Tupelo. Last week our annual divisional meeting was held in Pontotoc. The program was designed with the thought of giving each one in attendance some practical help to carry home to their unions. Let us all resolve that our meeting next year will be the best we have held. Remember that the officers expect you to be loyal and cooperative.

This month our chief effort should be to secure a large number who will take advantage of the splendid program to be rendered at the Southwide Convention at Nashville.

At a recent meeting of the Pontotoc Association Mr. Turner Bigham was elected President for this year.

The Unions of the county are to have a BYPU banquet this month at Pontotoc. They expect to mix pleasure and fellowship. There is some effort being made to re-organize Chickasaw County Association.



Niles Puckett
Columbus
Pres. Columbus Div.

The Columbus Division, composed of Oktibbeha, Clay, Noxubee and Lowndes Counties, is holding its convention this year at Brooksville on the night of December 8th. Our night meeting last year was quite a success, and we are going to try it again this year. We consider ourselves very fortunate in securing Mr. Wilds for our program. He is to present the Practical, Progressive Program for our BYPU's and to conduct a discussion on same. We are looking forward to a large attendance and a great meeting.

All our hearts and minds should be turned to the Southwide BYPU Convention which meets in Nashville on December the 27th-29th. Everyone should read the December edition of the BYPU Magazine, because it is full of convention news and each article creates interest and enthusiasm in the fast approaching meeting. Mississippi should have its share of delegates to go to Nashville. Already, several cars are planning to go from our Division, and we hope to have many more.

Let's all cooperate and show the South that Mississippi has a great bunch of peppy and enthusiastic young people.



Marion Perry
Philadelphia
Pres. Meridian Div.

Efficiency counts in every walk of life. We take this occasion to commend Miss Omera Coker of Toombs County for her efficient services as secretary of the Lauderdale County Associational BYPU. Miss Coker has kept constantly in touch with the work of her association. She knows "who is Who" and recently sent in to State Headquarters a corrected mailing list for each church and BYPU. We are happy to report that there are sixty-five (65) BYPU's in the association. Have you planned a Christmas service for your B. Y. P. U.? If not and you want a good one turn to page fourteen of the December Monthly BYPU Magazine and you will find one that will bring a blessing if presented by your union. December 27th! And what a day it will be. Youth from all over the Southland will be gathered in Nashville to attend the Third Southwide BYPU Conference. Mississippi will be well represented and from our division, the Meridian Division, we should have a good attendance. Our division is one of the largest in point of BYPU's in the state and we hope to have our proportionate number. Let every association be well represented.

B. Y. P. U. DISTRICT FIVE--S. E. SECTION OF STATE



W. L. Compere
Ellisville
District President

THAT NASHVILLE TRIPP

Who wants to go to Nashville? I do; you do; we all do. But how can we get there? That is the question. It is probably, however, that we can help one another and have District Five well represented at the Southwide BYPU Conference. If someone with a car would like to make the trip for his driving expenses, and in some nearby towns there are other workers who would like to pay that expense to get to go, we ought to get them together.

Nashville is approximately 500 miles from Laurel, and 600 miles from southern points of the District. The gas and oil, etc., for the round trip with a good automobile would be \$20 or \$25, and by dividing that amount among the four people the owner takes with him, the transportation item is brought down to a low figure.—If you want to go and would like a place in a car, write your Divisional President to that effect. If you have a car and would like to make the trip, you also write your Divisional President, telling him how many you can take. But do it now, so you'll have plenty of time to work up the trip.



W. E. Hellen
Laurel
Pres. Laurel Div.

On to Nashville Laurel Division. A LONG day's drive, so we will have to start early the morning of December 26th. The conference will start promptly at ten-thirty o'clock the morning of the 27th and we want to be there for the opening song. Mr. Wilds says that eight dollars should pay all necessary expenses while in Nashville and that this will include a dollar registration fee, a dollar a day for room at the hotel and a dollar a day for food. Now the transportation should not be so much regardless of how you go. We get Christmas rates on all railroads, so some of us can go that way. Gas and oil from Laurel for the round trip would be about eighteen dollars. Now if you want to go via air that is different but you choose your way of going, what we want to urge is that YOU GO—go by car, go by train, or go by way of aeroplane, but GO. Listen in over WLAS, Nashville, Saturday night, December 16th, 8:30-9:00 and over WSM, Nashville, Sunday afternoon December 17th, 5:30-6:00, for special program concerning the BYPU Conference.



Wallace Harrell
Hattiesburg
Pres. Hattiesburg Div.

Dear BYPU folks, after holding our Div. Con. on the first Sunday in November, we are asking for your cooperation and prayers in our work for the coming year. We hope to make this Division outstanding in BYPU work in 1934, and feel that the best way to get started off right is to attend the South-Wide Convention in Nashville, December 27th-29th, inclusive. There you will get the BYPU spirit, which, as we know, is studying and serving for our Lord. Start planning for that great trip now and enjoy Christmas the right way. I hope that every county in this division will be represented.

Since this will be the last issue of our Special BYPU edition this year and since 1934 with new opportunities is right at our door, I want to both thank every pastor and BYPU leader in the division for their cooperation during the year and ask for your continued prayers and cooperation during the new year. We have a great opportunity in our division for BYPU work.



E. S. Flynt
Handsboro
Pres. Coast Div.

Our Southwide BYPU Conference will convene at Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 27-29. Coming at that time, it is possible for our school boys and girls to spend at least three days of their vacation gathering information that will mean much to each individual personally and the Kingdom work of our Lord as a whole. What a fine thing it would be to send representatives from every BYPU in our Division. I am expecting a large number to attend from our coast counties.

From reports received, the work is progressing in all the counties representing this division. At our district meeting in the spring the First Church at Picayune bobbed up and carried away most of the awards, but if I am any judge of the way the wind is blowing, those fine fellows will have much keener competition another year. In fact, these fellows in the west will have a race for their lives. We all have time to get into the game. If you are not in the race now get in at once and run your best, the goal to be reached is well worth the price we will have to pay to reach it. The harder we work the greater the enjoyment in doing the Lord's work.

B. Y. P. U. DISTRICT SIX--S. W. SECTION OF STATE



A. F. Crittenton
Brookhaven
District President

I extend congratulations to the divisional presidents of District Six for the splendid work they have done in putting on their divisional meetings and for the good programs rendered and the large attendance recorded. These meetings were certainly helpful and will contribute to the progress of our work in the district.

The associational presidents are also due recognition for their fine spirit of cooperation in our efforts in the Baptist Record campaign and in securing crowds for our divisional meetings.

Now the big event before all of us is the boosting of our Third Southwide BYPU Conference to be held

at Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 27-29. Read the reports of the Atlanta BYPU Conference in the December Monthly BYPU Magazine and be convinced that this Conference will be inspiring, informing and uplifting. In such meetings the vision is enlarged, the interest quickened and the spiritual life deepened.—We shall do our best to have a very large number from District Six. To this end I am calling upon the leaders to go and take a group with them.



J. R. Rogers
Collins
Pres. Prentiss Div.

The remark of a man recently who had never had the privilege as a boy or young man to be in BYPU but who is now a member of the BAU of his church, that if every Baptist church member above the age of twenty-five could be enlisted for BAU membership the missionary spirit of our churches would increase many hundred fold within the next year. "I mean by the missionary spirit" said he "the spirit of Christ that led him to want every person in the world to have salvation. The man next to him and the man farthest from him. Taking this man's statement at face value should challenge every church to provide for and seek to enlist every adult member of the church. The BAU is needed in every church. Let's organize them in every church in our division.—My hope is that we may have a large number of our BYPU members to attend the Southwide BYPU Conference in Nashville. It seems a long way from our division, but remember there will be folks there from New Mexico and Arizona, so why can't we go? Let's make it possible and hence get the blessings of this great gathering.



Eugene L. Farr
Roxie
Pres. Natchez Div.

Liberty is a good place to go. The BYPU's of the Natchez Division had a fine meeting at Liberty on the fifth Sunday in October. The local arrangements were well planned and executed.

Missionary Greene W. Strother brought us two great messages. His morning message was a most stirring one on Missions.

Lionel Burris of Berwick won the Junior Memory Work Contest, and Robbie May Pope of Centreville won the Intermediate Sword Drill Contest. Both are to be awarded BYPU pins for their accomplishment.

Nashville is also a good place to go. Christmas week hundreds of our BYPU members from all over the South will go there to the Southwide BYPU Conference. Some from our division are planning to go. It will be a most worthwhile Christmas trip.

Some of the Unions in our Division remembered the Orphans with a box at Thanksgiving time.—At our Liberty meeting we decided to try to do more evangelistic work in the form of conducting and assisting in services in communities where they do not have organized churches.



R. L. Smith
McComb
Pres. McComb Div.

Since our last report from this division we have had one of the most interesting and helpful BYPU Divisional Conferences it has been my privilege to attend for a long time. With one exception, every one asked to have part on program was present with splendid demonstration or a thrilling and inspiring message. The message of the morning by brother H. A. Scott of Tylertown and the one in the afternoon by Dr. B. L. Davis of Gulfport were splendid in every respect. The attendance was fine, the house packed and as many on the outside. Lawrence County organized an associational BYPU with Miss Vergie Walker of Monticello as president. Their first meeting will be held at Monticello 5th Sunday in December. In our Division this next year we hope to major in evangelism, and I am expecting many people to be led to Christ through the efforts of our BYPU organizations and individuals in the BYPU. There never was a more challenging time for our people, and our young people especially, than the day in which we are living. People of the BYPU's of the state let's join hands and hearts and win with and for our Master.

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East Mississippi Department

By R. L. BRELAND

We learn through the press that Rev. O. F. Martin of Winona, Miss., has been called and has accepted the pastorate of Tutwiler Baptist Church, Tallahatchie County. He will locate his family there in the spring of 1934.

The churches of Carrollton and North Carrollton have called Rev. Cecil H. Ellard to be their pastor for 1934. He is now finishing his Master's degree at B.B.I., New Orleans, and will locate on the field in May 1934, if he accepts the call. He has already some work in this part of the state.

The death of Dr. James B. Leavell which occurred at Nashville, Tenn., on Monday, December 4th, is greatly regretted. He was only 53 years old, a member of the famous Leavell family of our state and one of our best preachers. His death is another sad blow to our denomination and to Christianity generally.

The District Three BYPU Convention of Yalobusha County will meet with Scuna Valley Baptist Church at 2:00 P. M. on Sunday, December 17th. Sellers Denley, of Coffeeville, is the president, Miss Jessie Denley, of Scuna Valley, is the county secretary, and Miss Eula Chapman, Coffeeville, is district chairman. Messengers from all the unions in the county are expected to be present.

Good news comes from Clarke-Venbale Memorial Baptist Church, of Decatur, Miss., of which Rev. Jas. E. McCraw is the much loved pastor: "We paid our church building out of debt at our last preaching day, the 26th of November. The balance due was \$1,000.00 and we raised it all that day. Some had said that we would do well to raise the interest, but the Lord led us on over the top as He always does if we will follow. Praise the Lord." Thus one of the oldest churches in east Mississippi marches on. Rev. N. L. Clarke, one of those for whom the

church was re-named was in the organization of this church and served it as pastor continuously for more than fifty years.

Pastor McCraw says: "I preached to good congregations at Hickory and Oakland, Newton County, yesterday (first Sunday). Our work is getting along slowly to be sure, but I believe that we are making progress along some lines."

Our Baptist minister group in Mississippi has lost many of its good members so far during the year, some of our very best. In looking over my memorandum I find recorded the names of 11, and I feel sure that there were others. My list includes: Rev. J. J. Mayfield, Dr. T. J. Bailey, Dr. Byron H. Dement (not of our state but well known and loved here), Rev. W. A. Hays (a Methodist minister, however), Rev. J. E. Breland, Rev. J. F. Mitchell, Rev. John L. Williams, Dr. R. A. Venable, Rev. J. P. Williams, Rev. Mr. Jennings (Kosciusko), Rev. J. A. Lee, Rev. John T. McPhail, Dr. James B. Leavell. I also noted the death of Dr. A. J. Holt, age 91, who died in Florida. Their work is over, they are at home with their Lord.

HOPE

Some one has said: "Hope is desire mingled with expectation." That does very well. In Colossians 1:27 it is said: "Which is Christ in you the hope of glory." This is better. And in I Timothy 1:1 we read: "And Lord Jesus Christ, which is our hope." This is best. In Hebrews 6:9 we find: "Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which entereth into that within the veil." What an anchorage! I Corinthians lists hope with faith and love as the three things that abide: "And now abideth faith, HOPE, love." How wonderful, keeping such good company. Thus we see what a great thing hope is. As Christ, hope is God with us; as an anchor it is our stay in time of storm and trouble. The vessel is on the sea. The murky clouds cover the sky. The forked-tongued lightning darts across the heavens. The thunder's muttering voice is heard. The winds blow with fierce anger. The billows roll and dash mountain high. The little boat is in great danger of being dashed to pieces. The anchor is dropped and embeds itself in the earth below. The winds blow on. The waves roll high and higher. But, the little vessel stands steady, the anchor holds. So is hope to the Christian's soul. Embedded in the Rock of Eternal Ages, the anchor steadies the soul in the severest storm. So "We are saved by hope," the anchor of the soul; saved from the storm, saved from fear, saved from discouragement. How wonderful is our HOPE!

Bible Study Assembly Program

New Hope, Webster County
Monday, Dec. 18, 1933

- 10:00 A. M.—Devotional.
- 10:10—Sermon Outline, one each.
- 10:40 — Romans 9:1-13, J. W. Hicks.
- 11:00 — Romans 9:14-33, J. M. Spikes.
- 11:20—Sermon, Dr. J. H. Hooks; alternate, Harvey Gray.

12:00 Noon—Recess.

1:00 P. M.—Romans 10:1-21, R. B. Patterson.

1:20—Romans 11:1-6, S. E. Carter.

1:40—Romans 11:7-25, E. R. Henderson.

2:00 — Romans 11:26-36, J. F. Hartley.

2:20—Miscellaneous and Arjournment.

Committee—W. L. Bridges, J. B. Middleton, and W. H. McPhail.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE DECEMBER 10, 1933

Jackson, First Church	862
Jackson, Calvary Church	934
Jackson, Grif. Mem. Church	586
Jackson, Davis Mem. Church	409
Jackson, Parkway Church	181
Jackson, Northside Church	70
Meridian, First Church	668
Brookhaven, First Church	568
Clinton Baptist Church	461
Clarksdale Baptist Church	441

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BYPU ATTENDANCE DEC. 10

Jackson, First Church	143
Jackson, Calvary Church	177
Jackson, Grif. Mem. Church	179
Jackson, Davis Mem. Church	226

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Jackson, Northside Church	34
Brookhaven, First Church	236
Clarksdale Baptist Church	164
Laurel, First Church, (Dec. 3)	118
West Point, First Church	150

—BR—

The owner of a fine flock of chickens in this county has tacked up signs on his coop as a warning to uninvited guests. The owner says on the signs, "Anyone found around my chicken house in the night will be found there the next morning." The sign, while very simple in words, is said to be very effective in purpose.—Williamston Enterprise.

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The Children's Circle

MRS. P. I. LIPSEY

My dear children:

We had an honored visitor in our house for several days last week, Dr. W. W. Hamilton of the Baptist Bible Institute, New Orleans, La. You know, we have a kind and appreciative letter from him every month, after he gets the money we send for work at the Bible Institute. I had a little talk with him about our Children's page. He is such a fine Christian gentleman. I wish you all could know him personally. We have a letter from him this week on our page.

An hour ago, a young man came to our door, and brought me an addition to our Thanksgiving offering. This was a nice, new bright-colored quilt, and a letter enclosing some money. The money was from the Junior BYPU of Mars Hill church, Edinberg, and the pretty quilt was from the Woman's Missionary Society. You will see the letter among our letters. Then we have a letter from a little girl who wants to know about our dues, and puzzles, "and everything", and I will write her through the mail, and I hope she will soon be a fine new member.

I have two good puzzles for our page, one from Mrs. Mayo, and one from a little girl whose name I cannot tell you, because her name is the answer to the puzzle. If I get the answer to Puzzle No. 4 by that time, I will give you Puzzle No. 5 next week, and Puzzle No. 6 the following week. I think these two are both simple and interesting. But you know, we don't want but one puzzle at a time, they might get mixed up. We are certainly grateful to Mrs. Mayo for getting us started on this puzzling work, aren't we? Send your answers to Puzzle No. 4.

Much love from
Mrs. Lipsey

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Bible Study No. 23: Dec. 14th.
Story: Paul before Felix: Acts 24:
22-27

City: Caesarea

Caesarea was an important place in the Acts of the Apostles. It is mentioned in ten chapters. It was the residence, probably for years, of Philip, one of the first seven deacons, and the scene of the conversion of the Italian centurion, Cornelius, and his family (Acts 10:1, 24; 11:11). Here Herod Agrippa died. From Caesarea, Paul recently converted, became a Christian, sailed to his home in Tarsus, when forced to leave Jerusalem after returning from Damascus (Acts 9:30). At the end of his second missionary journey he landed at this town (Acts 18:22). He also spent sometime in Caesarea on his return from his third missionary journey (Acts 21:8, 16) and before long was brought back from Jerusalem a prisoner to the same place (Acts 23:23, 33), where he remained two years in bonds before his journey to Italy. It was on the Mediterranean Sea, 47 miles northwest of Jerusalem.

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Dear Mrs. Lipsey:

Enclosed is receipt for the \$9.50 from the Mississippi Children's Circle. Please, as you have opportunity, let them know how wonderfully God is blessing our mission work in this great city and in the territory nearby. These young folks are giving the gospel to many who have never heard of the Saviour. Please ask them to often pray for their missionary in New Orleans and for the Baptist Bible Institute.

Yours gratefully,
W. W. Hamilton,
President.

Edinburg, Miss.,
Nov. 29, 1933

Dear Mrs. Lipsey:

We, the Juniors of Mars Hill B. Y. P. U., are sending our small offering to the Baptist Orphanage. We had planned to visit the orphanage on Thanksgiving, but hope to be able to do so later on. Each one below sends this offering:

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James E. Byars 25c.
Fay Byars 25c.
John A. Hicks 12½c.
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Mildred Hicks 20c.
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Total \$1.50.

May God's richest blessings upon you and yours rest, is our Thanksgiving prayer.

BYPU leader, Mrs. R. A. Allen.
The young man brought the money from you and the quilt which the W.M.U. ladies sent. We thank you so much; it was certainly fine for you to give this good offering.

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Olive Branch, Miss.,
Dec. 4, 1933.

Dear Mrs. Lipsey:

I have been having such a good time I have neglected my Jeannie Lipsey Club, but here are the dues for November and a wish that Santa Claus will be real good to you and all the other readers of your page Christmas.

I went to Memphis to see Santa last Friday and he gave me a Mickey Mouse false face. He looks much younger this year than he did last, and when I asked my daddy why he laughed and said he guessed times were getting better. With love,

Fannie Mae Henley

"Dues" came all right, Fannie Mae, and thank you for them. Well, that is a new idea in Santa Claus, that he's getting younger. I wish he'd tell some of us how to do it!

—o—
Prentiss, Miss.,
Nov. 26, 1933.

Dear Mrs. Lipsey:

I have begun reading the Children's Circle, and have become very much interested in it. I am sending a nickel for my first time. I am a member of the Antioch Baptist Church. My pastor is Bro. J. B. Herndon. I am ten years old, and in the fifth grade.

I hope you and the little orphans will have a nice time Thanksgiving.
Affectionately yours,

Helen Magee

We're so glad you wrote to us, Helen, and you must come again, soon. Your contribution makes you an honor member of our Circle. You are certainly well advanced to be in the fifth grade at ten years old.

—BR—

ASSURING WORDS FROM COLLEGE PRESIDENTS

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In a meeting of the College Committee of the Association of Church Boards of Education in Cincinnati a few weeks ago the question which called forth more comment than any other was this: "Are our Colleges Side-stepping Religion?" Dr. Robert L. Kelly, Executive Secretary of the Association, was asked to collect such data as he could on the subject. At the request of Dr. Kelly I have been trying to secure a candid statement bearing on this question from several sources. One of these sources, of course, was the presidents of the schools involved. I have received very satisfactory statements from most of these presidents and am very glad to pass on to our

constituency selections from the assuring words which come from these men. The number of such statements could be multiplied several times.

What They Say?

"Not only is a religious experience requisite, but a friendly attitude toward the local churches and the work of the Saviour is necessary. As a president of a Christian College who nominates his teachers I could no more consider proposing the name of an ungodly man or woman than I would propose that an ungodly man be made a teacher in our Sunday schools or pastor of my church."

"It is our aim to make and keep the institution definitely and positively Christian. By precept and example we try to make every student become loyal to Christ and his teachings."

"We need more than anything else a strong emphasis placed on religious education and on the religious element in all education. You may be sure we stress it here in We have Bible courses for which college credit is given, and our chapel is our big instrument for reaching the whole student body. We would not accept on our faculty a man who might be a materialist, infidel, atheist, or irreligionist."

"The first question that our trustees ask concerning any prospective teacher is as to whether or not that individual is a Christian. If that question cannot be answered in the affirmative, there is no use in continuing negotiations. In every case, to hold a position in College a teacher must be a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ as a personal Saviour."

"We have a standing committee on religion headed by Dr. of our School of Christianity, and we hold a religious week each year with an outstanding minister as leader. This comes in the middle of the year after the football season is over and before the baseball season begins. During that week we try to major upon religion and to get the whole college group to give religion the right of way, and to think and act accordingly."

"It is my unqualified conviction that the attitude of prospective candidates for faculty appointment toward religion and spiritual values should have a determining effect upon their appointment. I think this is going to be increasingly true with the new concept of the function which education is to play in life. There is no doubt but that the edu-

cator is faced with the task of setting up new objectives, and these objectives must include very definite emphasis upon spiritual values."

"I fully appreciate the importance of your letter and the question upon which you are trying to get information. More and more I think we ought to be careful about the religious preparation of our teachers."

"So far as our policy at College is concerned, we recommend no man for employment on our faculty who does not give evidence of a genuine religious experience and who has not shown by his relation to his church that he has a vital interest in 'experimental' religion and in developing in the students a religious character based on a personal religious experience. I find it hard enough to develop the student body without making a problem for myself in the faculty."

"I would insist that every teacher in a Christian College must have a definite Christian experience. How can he lead others along a way which he has not traveled himself? I would want him to talk as naturally about God in Christ Jesus as he would about hydrogen in water and oxygen in air. I would not want him to sign on a dotted line. I would be afraid he would see some virtue in the signing which I would prefer should be expressed in living."

These statements are characteristic of all those received from the presidents of our schools. Special incidents of a very interesting and vital nature are given by some of them. Perhaps a few of these may be passed on later. This communication, surely is long enough for one time.

W. R. Cullom
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Baptist Student Union

Baptist Student Union at Mississippi Woman's College

A very successful study course was held at Woman's College the week of November 27 to December 1. A series of study classes attracted a large number of students and much interest was aroused in each of the classes. Mrs. N. L. Roberts taught the Mission book on the life of Lottie Moon and presented it in such an interesting fashion that the deepest enthusiasm was manifested for the coming week of prayer for the Lottie Moon Christmas offering that will be taken soon. Mr. W. E. Holcomb taught "Winning to Christ" by P. E. Burroughs. Mr. Holcomb's class proved to be the largest and because of the unexcelled ability of Mr. Holcomb as a teacher proved to be most worthwhile. Agnes Louise Cutrer taught the manual on Baptist Student Union Methods.

Wednesday night before Thanksgiving Day the Immanuel Baptist Church presented a Thanksgiving program. President Holeomb was the principal speaker. Special music had been prepared and was excellently presented. Students of Woman's College served as ushers and provided part of the program.

Under the leadership of Virginia Cooper, Drew, the college BYPU's are manifesting much interest. Four excellent girls head the four individual unions: Vivian Langford, president of the J. L. Johnson union; Mavis Oliver, president of the Tully McCrea union; Lillian Dorsett, president of the Winnie D. Bennett union; and Velma Beacham, president of the A. L. O'Briant union. Two of these unions have been interested in obtaining individual meeting places that each of them could furnish in any way that they desired. The general assembly of the last Sunday night was under the direction of the Epworth League of the campus, with Henryetta Kayes, Brookhaven, president. By candle light the Scripture of the first Christmas story was read and Christmas songs were sung backstage. Miss Katherine Boyd read a Christmas story.

The college YWA is observing the week of prayer preparatory to the Lottie Moon Christmas offering to be taken soon. A program on the missionary was presented in chapel Wednesday morning.

Baptist Student Night at Christmas will receive emphasis and instructions will be given as to how such a program should be presented. We are hoping that this Student Night this year will be very successful.

Will all the BSU councils all over the state join us in praying for the meeting of the State BSU presidents of the states this week?

—o—
M.S.C.W.

We made First Magnitude! Yes, we did the very first three months. In order to reach first magnitude one must have three-fourths of the

girls on the campus present at the different organizations for three consecutive months and one-half of the pledging to the budget. Well, we reached it and went a little above on our enlistment. Our enlistment percentages were 82% for September, 79% for October and 76.1% for November.

We had on our campus this week for a YWA Study Course Miss Robinson, State Young People's Leader. She talked in prayer meeting Wednesday on "Walking with Christ." She used Christ's appearances on earth after the crucifixion as the

scripture for her talk. We enjoyed having you, Miss Robinson. Come back.

Thanksgiving morning watch was held at the First Baptist Church. Miss Mary Reagan of Tylertown sang a solo accompanied on the piano by Misses Nell and Esther Bradley of Isola. The scripture was read by Miss Josephine Crane and the program was in charge of Miss Bertha Walters. Letters of "thanks" were distributed to faculty members and Columbus residences and friends.

We enjoyed a visit from Myrtle Rose Letts, Grace Bush, Josephine Crane, Katy Stoker and Clair Griffin, all former M.S.C.W. Workshop girls. We have heard from other members of the Alumnae indirectly during the year. We are always glad to hear from you for "We

thank God upon every remembrance of you."

—Margaret Gooch, MSCW.

—BR—
"I haven't averaged more than one meal a day all this week, lady."

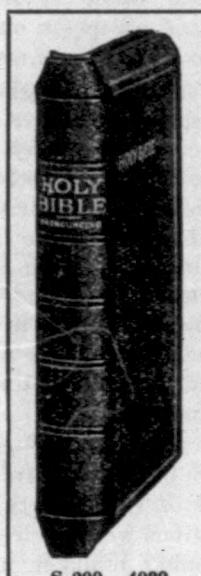
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A Vision of Universal Peace

Isaiah 11:1-9

Dec. 24, 1933

Isaiah's vision of peace which we study today stands in clearer relief because of the fearful vision of destruction (Isa. 10) with which it is set in contrast. After viewing a long period of strife, oppression, and national calamity, the prophet looked above and beyond the din of turmoil and fear and foresaw the dawn of an era of universal peace.

Across more than seven centuries he saw the coming of the Prince of Peace (Isa. 11:1-5). One hundred years later Jeremiah foretold the rise of the same righteous Branch (Jer. 23:5). Two hundred years after Isaiah, Zechariah (6:12) prophesied of the same coming One to "build the temple of the Lord." According to those prophecies He would be King who would reign and prosper, executing justice and judgment in the earth. In course of time Jesus of Nazareth was born. The angelic hosts sang of his birth the glad refrain "Glory to God in the highest, and peace on earth, and good will to men" (Luke 2:14). The prophecies of Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Zechariah were beginning to be fulfilled. The rod had come forth out of "the stem of Jesse."

The character of the Prince of Peace is sketched briefly by the prophet. The spirit of Jehovah would rest upon Him, giving Him (1) wisdom, (2) understanding, (3) counsel and might, (4) knowledge and fear of Jehovah. In His reign He would see beneath the seeming appearance of things, not judging after "the sight of the eyes" as men of this world so often do. Nor would He be influenced by "the hearing of the ear" as men who listen to the sophistries of their time and to the plausible plea of those who seek to pervert righteousness and justice in the world. He would establish peace in the earth consistent with those eternal principles of peace: truth, righteousness, and justice. Otherwise there can be no real, abiding peace. Peace at any price? No, not at the price of the sacrifice of the principles of peace. Yet the prophet foresaw a coming age of real peace in which every relation in life would be transformed and glorified (11:6-9). No more fear, nor selfishness, nor greed, nor strife, nor covetousness, nor robbery, nor pain, nor hurt, nor death. Tranquility, and safety, and peace would reign everywhere. Righteousness and truth would cover the earth as waters cover the sea.

Nearly three thousand years have passed since Isaiah foretold the coming of the age of peace. Since then men have hoped and prayed and died for that ideal. Yet at this Christmas season the martial tread of the armies of the earth can be heard around the world. National jealousies and rivalries and suspicions were probably never more acute than now. Keen observers of

international relations tell us that war must inevitably come, perhaps sooner than we think. In our own United States life is blighted with the curse of gangsterism and crime. Was Isaiah's vision but a fancy after all?

So far as history informs us the Christian era has been the happiest, and most progressive epoch of the human race. Nearly two thousand years ago the Christ was born. He lived, died, and rose again that we might have peace. He ascended to His throne at the Father's right hand "henceforth expecting till all his enemies be made the footstool of his feet." "He must reign till he hath put all enemies under his feet. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death." Isaiah said (42:4) "He shall not fail nor be discouraged, till he have set judgment in the earth: and the isles of the sea shall wait for his law." So notwithstanding the perplexities of our times, although it be that men's hearts are "failing them because of the things that come upon the earth," Christian faith sees still "the vision of universal peace."

"Jesus shall reign—where'er the sun Does his successive journeys run; His kingdom spread from shore to shore,

Till moons shall wax and wane no more."

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THE CHRISTIAN COLLEGE AND THE HOME

W. R. Cullom

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The Christian college is a means of saving our homes, and through the home, society.

The decay of the home, with reference to its ideals, practices, and authority, is obvious. One thinks of the lapse from sobriety, temperance, honesty, refinement, sincerity, honor, and decency. Conventions are violated with impunity; our sense of decency is becoming atrophied; practical interests and excitement have supplanted culture, sensitiveness, and moral and ethical codes.

The greatest danger, of all the multitude of evils now confronting the home, rests in the attitude of women. The highest attainment of the human family, the most God-like accomplishment of mankind, is motherhood at its best. If woman, with her new social and political freedom, chooses to sell her incomparable birthright for a mess of the pottage of superficiality, sensuous excitement, and cheap imitation, the home and the next generation are lost. The home, the members of the home, and social standards in general are no better than are the ideals which woman sets for them. Better that woman forsake the church than neglect the home!

A plain fact needs emphasis in this connection. It is that a child comes into this world with only potential mind, and that whatever his thoughts, his ideals, his motives, his standards, his intellectual likes and dislikes may be later, he has acquired all of them, directly or indirectly, from his environment. He is a part of all that he has met, and he is especially a part of his early home life.

By precept and example, then, the integrity and authority of the

home must be re-established. From infancy on there must be positive training that leads to a feeling of repulsiveness toward wrong and a love of right. An adult is trained only with great difficulty. One knows of very few instances of adult reformation.

A Christian college, despite the belief of many parents, is not a reformatory. It should not be regarded as such. But a Christian college does strive to train its students to become intelligent Christian parents; and intelligent Christian parents do more than any one else toward making a good home. They possess righteous indignation toward the unwholesome. They fight the insidious influence of cheap print, profane music, vulgar tastes, low ideals, insincerity and compromise. They possess appreciation of the highest attributes of life—such as joy, love, loyalty, respect, patience, goodness, and self-sacrifice—and impart these attributes to others. And from these, security and respectability grow.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS NOTES

Department of Young People's and

Adult Sunday School Work,

Baptist Sunday School

Board

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ANNOUNCEMENT EXTRAORDINARY:

Announcement has just been made of the first Southern Baptist Summer S. S. Conference to be held July 22-28, 1934, at the Southern Baptist Assembly grounds in Ridgecrest, North Carolina.

What could be more inviting than a week's vacation in the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains, with opportunity to attend conferences conducted by the South's leading authorities on Sunday school work? General conferences and special conferences for the officers of each department of the Sunday school are being arranged for the morning hours, leaving the afternoons free for rest and recreation, and the evenings for a great song and praise service, followed by a sermon by one of the South's leading pastors. Every teacher, department and class officer who desires to make his vacation one of profit as well as pleasure should plan to attend.

Mark the dates on your calendar and begin now making your plans to attend.

July 22-28, 1934.

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... a year's subscription to Sunday School Young People and Adults, monthly magazine edited by the Department of Young People's and Adult Sunday School work, Sunday School Board, as an ideal Christmas gift for any Young People's or Adult teacher, department or class officer, or Home and Extension department superintendent or visitor. Your thoughtfulness will be appreciated anew with each month of the new year. Send \$1.00 with the name of your friend to the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee, and solve your "shopping problems."

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"How are you getting along with arithmetic, Sam?"

"Well, I done learned to add up all the naughts, but the figgers still bother me."—Ex.

CRYSTAL SPRINGS

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The Crystal Springs Baptist Church now has four organizations that have reached the A-1 Standard of Excellence. These are the Sunday school, the W.M.S., B.A.U., and the Junior B.Y.P.U.

When the Budget Committee recommended a "Financial Budget" for the new year at the same time it recommended a "Budget of Work" for the various departments. These budgets, or goals, were adopted by the church in conference at a Sunday morning service. One of the goals for work is to make every organization in the church A-1 during the year. A good start has been made on this, with four of ten organizations already over. There is a goal of "Educational Work" for Training Classes and Study Courses; a goal for "Prayer Meeting Attendance" and one for "Evangelism." For evangelism the goal is "Sixty additions to the church and all unsaved in the Sunday school reached for Christ."

Our church has seven individuals or organizations that have membership in the One Hundred Thousand Club.

The new associational minutes shows the church membership 817; Sunday school enrollment 490; B. Y. P. U.'s 118; W. M. S. (with auxiliaries) 150; also 48 additions to the church during the year. The financial budget for the past year, though not as high as in former years, has been paid.

Please pray for us that we may reach our new goals for the new year.

Fraternally,
T. W. Talkington.



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BIRTHDAY TRIBUTE TO MOTHER BERRY

While Reconstruction still was rife
And Mother Berry yet was young,
The father and the daughter flung
Defiance to despair and strife.

Aware that woman stands supreme
In holding high the torch of good,
They built a school where womanhood
Might catch their spirits' magic gleam.

They set their school upon a hill,
Their plant a farm house and a hall,
Their student body shy and small,
Equipment and endowment nil.

Their teachers had no high degrees,
Their technique of the simpler type,
And yet their hearts and minds were ripe
With wisdom, better far than these.

They knew the nobler lore of life.
They loved and lived the Golden Rule.
The grace of God was in their school.
There was no hint of hate and strife.

And more and more the students came.
The plant, the staff, the program grew.
The dreamers' dreams were coming true,
With rarer fruitage, fairer fame.

The father did not live to know
The fine fruition of his prayers;
But still the dauntless daughter dares
And labors on as long ago.

Her husband, brothers, sisters, too,
Have toiled beside her down the years,
Have shared her triumphs and her tears,
Receiving tribute, richly due.

A grand-son of her gallant sire,
With erudition, wisely guides
The ship of learning through the tides,
With her to counsel and inspire.

Though twilight softly deepens down,
The years have left her young and strong.
God grant that she may linger long.
She wears with grace her rich renown.

With faith, she follows still the gleam
That lent her light in youthful years.
Her smiling spirit feels no fears.
Each day, she dreams a nobler dream.

—David E. Guyton,
Blue Mountain, Miss.

D. W. MOULDER IS HONORED

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On Sunday, November 26, 1933, my church at Beulah, Polkville, celebrated my 66th birthday and 25th anniversary at this church, about two thousand people present. It was indeed a great day for me and my family and I'm sure all that were there.

We had fine singing in the Old Sacred Harp and other books. Two great and appropriate messages delivered by Rev. W. L. Meadows and Wayne Alliston and a number of other great talks by others. My church at Beulah presented me with a twenty-six dollar (\$26.00) watch, the gifts from other churches and money amounted to \$128.00. All of my eleven churches were represented: Beulah, Simpson, 25, Pine Grove Simpson, 15, New Hope, Simpson, Harmony Smith 6, Concord, Smith 5, White Oak, Smith 40, Concord, Rankin 45, Lorena, Smith 50, Good Hope, Smith 60, Polkville Beul-

lah 250, Sardis, Smith 70. Preachers present twelve: D. W. Moulder, W. L. Meadows, Wayne Alliston, M. C. Hughes, Hardie Hawkins, C. S. Moulder, L. S. Terry, Barney Padgett, Robert Thompson, Wallis Thompson, Clyde Parkman, G. T. Henderson. Other churches represented beside my own: Forest, Morton, Raleigh, Bethlehem, Pulaski, Pelahatchie, Forest, La., Oak Grove, La., Line Creek, Springfield, Mize, Pleasant Hill, Birmingham, Ala., First Baptist Church, Jackson, Union Church, Clarke County.

My brother, J. S. Moulder and family from Hattiesburg, and two sisters, Mrs. S. B. Boling, Hattiesburg, and Mrs. Carrie Bridges, New Hebron, were present.

I have seven children living, five boys and two girls, all present except one boy and family on account of sickness which was Webster Moulder of Lorena. All others were present: R. T. Moulder and family of Lemon, Miss.; Allen Moulder and

family, Lorena, Miss.; Mrs. W. H. Russum and family, Crystal Springs, Rev. C. S. Moulder and family, Woman's College, Hattiesburg, Prof. R. B. Moulder and family, Polkville, Mr. and Mrs. I. G. Riley, Quitman, Miss.

I don't feel worthy of all the great gifts and kindness shown me and my family on this day, but I don't have words to express my appreciation for it all. May the Lord bless each and every one that was present.

D. W. Moulder.

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RESOLUTIONS

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Resolutions passed by the Northeast Mississippi Monthly Baptist Pastors' meeting at New Albany, Miss., December 5, 1933.

Whereas the National Congress and thirty-seven states have voted the 21st amendment to the National Constitution repealing the eighteenth amendment to the Federal Constitution;

Whereas the legalization of the sale of intoxicants in Mississippi is back where it was previous to the adoption of the Eighteenth Amendment;

Whereas Mississippi has a strong statutory prohibition law, but one that may be altered or repealed at any session of the state legislature, therefore:

Be it resolved that we re-affirm faith in our state prohibition laws as one sure and effective method of strengthening prohibition;

That we urge our preachers and people to preach, teach and exemplify the principles of prohibition and our good women to organize W.C.T. U. chapters wherever possible.

That we urge our Governor and State Legislature to retain our prohibition laws as they are today; assuring them of our earnest, active and hearty support.

That we urge our enforcement officers to maintain our prohibition laws and our people to stand firmly in their defense and support.

The above resolutions were thoroughly discussed and enthusiastically and unanimously adopted by a very large attendance of the ministers throughout the entire district.

J. B. Gordon
W. C. Stewart

FORT WORTH AND THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

L. R. Scarborough

The Texas General Convention was one of the greatest conventions in the history of Texas Baptists. It celebrated the 100th anniversary of the triumph of cooperative work of Baptists. There were more than 3,800 registered messengers, nearly twice as many as we ever had. There were thousands of visitors. The great Coliseum had in it on more than one occasion 7,000 people. The acoustics were perfect. Everybody could hear easily every speaker. Every seat is in easy view of every other part of the building.

The Texas Convention voted unanimously to join Fort Worth in its invitation to hold its next session here. The Coliseum is the largest auditorium in Texas and probably the Southwest, and the facilities for taking care of Southern Baptists' greatest Convention will be abundant and pleasing. We will take care of Southern Baptists in great fashion; and we are inviting Southern Baptists to come by ten thousand lots. We can sleep in good hotels more than 4,000 at once and in rooming houses and in our homes thousands and thousands more. We urge Southern Baptists to have no fear about Ft. Worth's ability to provide abundantly for your comfort; and we are hoping and praying that you will come in great numbers and come praying. We are getting ready to take care of you. Don't fail us and don't have any fears about our ability to do it in a great Texan way.

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The patter of tiny feet was heard from the head of the stair. Mrs. Smythe raised her hand, warning the members of her bridge club to be silent.

"Hush," she said softly, "the children are going to deliver their good night message. It always gives me a feeling of reverence to hear them. Listen!"

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